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## Judge Rules Against MWC Jimenez Wins Racial Discrimination Suit

By Kristen Green  
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A federal judge has ruled in favor of former assistant economics professor Anthony Jimenez in his \$600,000 discrimination lawsuit against Mary Washington College, stating that when the school terminated Jimenez's teaching contract it was an act of "intentional discrimination."

On Friday, April 15, Senior U.S. District Judge Richard Williams ruled against the college and Provost Philip Hall, stating that Jimenez had proven during a two-day trial in February that he was a victim of discrimination based on his race and national origin.

Jimenez, who was hired by the college in 1989, sought \$500,000 from the college in compensatory and punitive damages and \$100,000 in punitive damages from Hall. The judge ordered that both sides meet within the next 10 days to determine how much Jimenez will be awarded. College President William Anderson said that the college has insurance to cover both Hall and the state if they are held financially liable in the case.

Hall made the final decision two years ago to give Jimenez a one-year terminal contract instead of a three-year contract which would have made him eligible for tenure. The May 22, 1992 letter from Hall telling Jimenez he had received a terminal contract cited Jimenez's low student evaluations, his incomplete dissertation and his failure to produce scholarly works as the reasons he would not be rehired. Jimenez maintained that he was qualified

for his teaching job but that the department and the college held him to a different set of performance standards than the standards for his white colleagues. He said that the college terminated him at least in part because of his ethnic heritage, which is West Indian.

Anderson said that the case is on-going and the attorney general's office instructed him not to discuss the case, but said he is disappointed with the decision.

"Of course we don't agree with the opinion of the court," said Anderson.

In his decision, Williams stated that a number of students had complained to Hall and to Anderson that Jimenez's student evaluations were tainted by other students who collaborated to give him low marks because of his race and ethnic origin. However, college officials did nothing about the charges. The decision noted that because MWC is "a predominantly white college with a history of racial tension," college officials should have either ignored the evaluations or conducted an investigation to determine their validity.

The judge cited death threats against three black students last year, the low number of minority students and faculty at the school,

*"[College officials] should pay more concern to minorities. If they don't address these issues, they are setting themselves up for additional problems."*

-Anthony Jimenez,  
former assistant  
economics professor



concerns that students had given low class evaluations to other minority faculty because of their race and an independent study critical of the college's racial climate.

Though fellow economic department members maintained that Jimenez was not the most qualified for the teaching position and that he was hired only to fulfill affirmative action requirements, the decision stated that when the college hired Jimenez, it made a commitment to protect him from racial and national origin bias.

Williams stated that the court did not consider student enrollment or grade distribution from Jimenez's classes as factors in the decision not to renew Jimenez's contract because there was no evidence that Hall considered the data when he decided to give Jimenez a terminal contract.

Williams also ruled that the college held Jimenez to a different set of employment

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## Iago The Iguana



When freshman Maryjean Figel's iguana escaped Thursday, April 14, the MWC Police Dept. tried to persuade the iguana down the tree. Later the local fire dept. climbed the tree behind Russell Hall and rescued Iago. Photo by Cara Fitz Patrick.

## Police Make Arrest In Custis Thefts

By Adam Fike  
Bulletin Assistant News Editor

A non-student was arrested in connection with the Custis Hall robbery that occurred during Thanksgiving break of the Fall 1993 semester. The arrest is the first of the investigation which college police say may yield more arrests.

Bonnie Lee Lucas, a male resident of Fredericksburg who college police said had no affiliation with the college, was arrested by campus police on two counts of felony possession of stolen property at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday April 20. According to warrants sworn out by campus police Lucas was in possession a Sears VCR and a Charyst-Charvette guitar, each of which was

valued at over \$200.

"The investigative measures and the investigative procedures we had in place worked," said Perry. "The college is doing what they were supposed to do the police department is doing what they were supposed to do an on-going investigation, took the proper measures and it paid off." Stolen items include over 100

compact discs, every VCR in the dorm, a computer worth \$3000 and other items, totaling \$10,281.

Campus police are withholding all other information concerning this case pending further investigation.

According to Perry, the items recovered from this and all future arrests will be turned over to their owners following court procedures.



From left to right, Christopher Lee Ford, Gordon W. Shelton and F. Freeman Funk.

Colleen Maguire/Bullet

## Candidates Comment On College Relations

By Michelle Bowman  
Bulletin Assistant News Editor

On Monday, April 18 City Council candidates discussed community relations with Mary Washington College in a forum sponsored by the Legislative Action Committee.

"MWC is a resource to the community. We should involve them more as a partner in solving problems," incumbent Ralph A. "Tuffy" Hicks, Ward 3, said.

All seven candidates agreed that the college is a valued asset to the community as the largest employer in the area, but they said that more could

be done to enhance relations with the college. Candidate Matthew J. Kelly, Ward 3, a graduate of MWC, class of 1982, said that the college has many of resources that can be used by the city, like the historic preservation department. Candidate Jackie S. Denison, Ward 4, said that she would like to see more programs developed which involve the students and the community.

The only specific plan mentioned in regard to the college was given by incumbent Gordon W. Shelton, Ward 1, who said that if he is re-elected, he will make allocations in the budget for safe crossing conditions at the

intersection between Jefferson Davis Highway and College Avenue.

Despite a turnout of only five students, Geoff Hart, LAC Chair, said that the event was a success. Hart said he attributed the low student attendance to excess pressure on students because of upcoming exams. "Students are concerned about issues in the city, especially commuting students, but there is a lot of pressure on students at this time of year," Hart said.

For those who attended, the forum offered an opportunity for students and citizens of Fredericksburg to ask questions and hear general comments

by the seven candidates of the four wards.

The incumbents Shelton, Ward 1, F. Freeman Funk, Ward 2, who is running unopposed, Ambrose W. Bailey, Ward 4, and Hicks stressed their experience and knowledge of how city council works.

Hicks said that it is important to have a good working relationship with other council members because any issue takes four votes to pass. Funk said that it is important to understand the role city council plays in their relationship to the community.

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## BOV Decisions April 14-16

- Tuition for the 1994-95 academic year will be \$8,148 for residential students and \$3,206 for commuting students. Virginia students will pay a total of \$7,670 and non-Virginia students will pay a total of \$12,612.
- A 3.4 percent average pay raise for full-time faculty and administrators was approved, effective May 1. Part-time faculty salaries were raised 2.25 percent, and classified employees were given a 3.57 percent pay increase.
- The meal plan option was adopted by the board. The plan includes a 5-lunch plan for commuting students for \$330 per semester, a 10-meal plan for \$1,970 per year, a 14-meal plan for \$2,112 per year, and a 20-meal plan for \$2,230 per year.
- Residential students will pay \$140 for use of the telecommunications system, full-time commuting students will pay \$90, and part-time students will pay \$3 per credit hour per semester.

## Third Goolrick Incident Reported

By Adam Fike  
Bulletin Assistant News Editor

While the BOV lunched at the Eagle's Nest at 11:50 a.m. on Friday, April 15, a female student turned a corner of the dance suite locker room in Goolrick Gym to find a naked man looking back at her, marking the second incident of indecent exposure in Goolrick this semester.

"I saw a shadow on the wall and I thought it was a maid or at worst another girl getting dressed and figured they would move on through," said an anonymous student who reported the incident to police. "But the person did not move, so I went around the side of the locker and there was a naked man standing at the end of the locker and when he saw me, he took off."

The previous indecens included another indecent exposure on March

1 and a sexual assault on an adolescent girl on Oct. 24, 1993. In each case the suspect was reported to have a similar description. The suspect is described in the most recent incident as a white male, 18-20 years old, with dark hair and no facial hair.

According to Campus Police Chief Greg Perry, the suspect may have been a student who entered the building with his identification, as the desk aide on duty saw nothing out of the ordinary at the time of the exposure.

"If that were the case -- short of having people in every locker room and in every nook and cranny, I am not sure how you would stop that incident," said Roy Gordon -- who said that in the 17 years at MWC he cannot remember any other indecent exposures taking place.

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In Brief

Campus Police Raise Funds For Special Olympics

Campus police are taking orders in the police station for shirts (\$10) and hats (\$8) with the 1994 Virginia Torch Run logo to benefit Special Olympics. Certificates worth \$10 and \$100 are available for purchase as a donation which allow a tax deduction, a reduced cost for cable for businesses and an announcement of donors on television.

A Call For Papers

Students and faculty are invited to submit finished essays to "Working Papers in Race/Class/Gender," a new publication at Mary Washington College funded under the Race and Gender Project of the Teaching Innovation Program. A second call for papers will go out

in Fall 1994, with the premier issue of "Working Papers" scheduled to appear in Spring 1995. For further information, call Linguistics Professor Judith Parker at x4911.

Minority Incentive Awards Offered

The Council on International Education Exchange offers five to 10 awards ranging from \$500-\$1000 to minorities (Americans of African, Arab, Asian, Hispanic descent and indigenous Native Peoples) to encourage minority students to participate in study abroad.

To be eligible, a student needs to be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, show proof of financial need (college financial aid record) and be a participant/applicant to a CIEE-administered study, work or volunteer abroad program for Summer and/or

Fall 1994.

Information and application forms may be obtained from the Office of International Programs, Room 204 or 206, x4706 or x4662

Mary Siegrist Hinz Leadership Award

Rising sophomores or juniors who are full-time MWC students can now apply for the Mary Siegrist Hinz Leadership Award. Applicants must submit a letter of application with a detailed statement of academic, athletic and leadership/citizenship accomplishments, a statement of career goals and aspirations, letters of recommendation from former or current MWC professors, and a transcript. Send the above items to the Associate Dean for Financial Aid, Lee Hall, Room 301.



POLICE BEAT

By Adam Fike  
Bulletin Assistant News Editor

Indecent Exposure

On April 15 a white male, 18-20 years old, tall with broad shoulders and no facial hair was reported to have been naked in the women's locker room near the dance suite at 11:50 a.m.

Intoxication

On April 15 an intoxicated student was taken to the health center.

On April 16 an intoxicated student was taken to the health center.

Theft

On April 14 an employee of the college was terminated for stealing a bookbag from the library following an investigation which was begun on April 4.

On April 11 a backpack and contents worth \$70 was reported stolen from Monroe Hall.

On April 16 clothing worth about \$100 was reported stolen from Virginia Hall.

On April 13 a bicycle was reported stolen from Custis Hall.

On April 16 a bicycle was reported stolen. The suspect is a white male, 25-30 years old, 150 lbs., 6'2" tall with black hair and a fair complexion, wearing blue jeans, a blue polka-dot bandana and a blue and white plaid shirt.

Fire Alarm

On April 9 a fire alarm was set off in the student center by someone who maliciously pulled the alarm.

On April 13 a fire alarm on the second floor of Mercer Hall was caused by a student curing ceramic greenware in an oven.

On April 16 a fire alarm was caused in Russell Hall by a burnt bagel.

Injuries

On April 13 a child was injured on campus walk near the library after losing control of his bike. The child was transported to the hospital.

On April 14 a hyperventilating student in Marshall Hall was taken to the health center after refusing to be taken to the hospital.

On April 15 a student was injured by broken glass in a stairwell of Custis Hall while drinking. The student was taken to the health center.

On April 17 a student was injured in

a food fight when she was struck in the ear with whipped cream. The student suffered vertigo and was taken to the health center and later to the emergency room.

Miscellaneous

On April 4 a student reportedly threw a bottle from the fourth floor of Bushnell Hall. No one was hurt in the incident.

On April 13 a faculty member who was extremely emotionally distraught in class was referred to the administration.

On April 14 a physical plant employee backed a vehicle into a bicycle near the fountain, causing minor damage.

On April 14 a vehicle fire was reported in the Simpson lot.

On April 16 a tree limb fell on a vehicle near Combs Hall which belongs to a relative of a student, causing \$1500 damage.

On April 17 the lawn at Trench Hill was reportedly vandalized by someone driving down the hill and causing wheel ruts.

On April 17 a vending machine in Marshall Hall was vandalized by someone who attempted to shake out food products.

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"Local government is the responsible level of government," Funk said.

The challengers to the incumbents said they would like to see Fredericksburg's resources used more extensively. Ford offered the river and historical sites as potential assets if used and developed more. Kelly and Denison said they want these resources used to develop tourism in the area.

"We should make Fredericksburg a

point of destination, not just a place to pass through," Denison said.

The forum, which lasted an hour, had some procedural problems that Hart apologized for throughout the event. Shelton said that 30 seconds was not enough time to answer questions so, Hart with the approval of the other candidates, extended the time limit to 45 seconds. Also, Ford brought it to the attention of Hart that

he and Shelton were not given an opportunity to answer a question asked by an audience member. Then at the end of the forum, Shelton said that one minute was not enough time for closing statements so the time was again extended to two minutes.

"I believe [the forum] was an informative, relaxed debate so information was easily exchanged. It was a success," Hart said.

1994-1995 Finance Committee Allocations

Club	Operating Budget	Total Requested	Proposed Income	Amount Received	% of request	% of operating budget supplied by Finance Committee
ARH Programming	—	4,000.00	—	—	—	—
Anthropology	210.00	70.00	140.00	50.00	71%	24%
Asian Student Association	3,780.89	2,482.89	1,298.00	720.00	29%	19%
ARH Overhead	—	1,500.00	—	—	—	—
Aubade	—	8,000.00	—	7,123.00	—	—
Battlefield	47,062.39	45,800.00	1,200.00	43,600.00	95%	93%
Black Student Association	5,725.00	4,975.00	750.00	2,300.00	46%	40%
BOND	6275.85	2,890.85	3,385.00	1,000.00	35%	16%
Bullet	45,144.89	45,144.89	7,500.00	8,899.00	20%	20%
Circle K	—	2,000.00	—	—	—	—
Citizens of the World	505.00	390.00	115.00	100.00	26%	20%
Class Council	58,275.00	35,275.00	23,000.00	34,525.00	98%	59%
Ecology Club	1,015.00	203.00	812.00	203.00	100%	20%
Economics Club	1,168.37	1,028.37	140.00	—	—	—
Entertainment Committee	119,839.66	89,939.66	30,000.00	83,033.66	92%	69%
Fencing Club	949.00	849.00	100.00	50.00	6%	5%
Film Committee	25,360.16	17,980.16	7,380.00	15,330.16	85%	60%
GLBSA	3,650.00	1,450.00	2,220.00	1,058.16	73%	29%
Hispanic Student Assoc.	3,689.38	3,554.58	135.00	200.00	6%	5%
Italian Club	655.00	185.00	470.00	18.50	10%	3%
Jolly Company	1,400.00	1,300.00	100.00	300.00	23%	21%
Marital Arts Club	375.00	300.00	75.00	200.00	66%	53%
Mathematical Assoc.	190.00	100.00	90.00	75.00	75%	39%
Model UN	6,901.26	6,601.26	300.00	4,620.88	70%	63%
Finance Committee	—	—	—	—	—	—
Performing Arts Club	485.00	305.00	180.00	265.00	87%	55%
Philosophy Club	837.75	668.75	149.00	441.25	66%	53%
Polemic	—	6,624.00	—	—	—	—
Pre-Med Club	940.00	740.00	200.00	100.00	14%	11%
Preservation	—	1,700.00	—	1,000.00	—	—
Russian Club	755.00	535.00	220.00	220.00	41%	29%
Sailing Club	21,212.00	19,862.00	1,340.00	1,000.37	5%	5%
Society of Physics	720.00	395.00	325.00	250.00	63%	35%
Speaker Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Student Association	—	8,493.46	—	8,493.46	—	—
Student Education Assoc.	1,800.00	500.00	1,300.00	250.00	50%	14%
Terrapins	1,095.00	970.00	125.00	730.00	75%	67%
WMWC Radio	15,793.92	13,893.92	1,900.00	7,343.92	53%	46%
Women of Color	4,306.11	3,086.11	1,200.00	—	—	—
TOTAL	—	333,692.70	—	223,500.41	—	—

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# Faculty Consider Proposal To Extend College Benefits To Gay Partners Of MWC Employees

By Kristen Green  
Bulletin News Editor

The Mary Washington College faculty is considering a proposal that would support the extension of college benefits and privileges to the partners of gay and lesbian employees.

The motion, proposed by Donald Rallis, assistant professor of geography, and Craig Vasey, assistant professor of philosophy, requests that the faculty support an extension of benefits that are not a direct cost to the college. The proposal also requests that the faculty declare its support that the college extend health benefits to the domestic partners of gay and lesbian employees.

The proposal suggests that immediate extension of benefits would include issuing spouse identity cards and extending library and gym privileges to employee's partners. The proposal also suggests that a faculty committee study other companies' and universities' policies regarding the extension of benefits to domestic partners.

At the faculty's monthly meeting Wednesday, April 20, the faculty moved to send the proposal to the Committee on Faculty Affairs for review.

Rallis said he is proposing the motion because the college has a statement of non-discrimination, yet without extending benefits to domestic partners of gay and lesbian employees, the college does in fact discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

"If we say, 'don't discriminate,' we have to be sincere in our policies," Rallis said.

Rallis also said that if the college does not extend these benefits to employees, then college officials are contravening the college's non-discrimination policy.

"We take away credibility on other issues, such as racial

and religious discrimination," he said. "If the college does not support [the extension of college benefits to the domestic partners of gay and lesbian employees], they should consider removing sexual discrimination from the [non-discrimination] policy."

Several other state colleges and universities, including the College of William and Mary and the University of Virginia, have passed motions to extend college benefits to the partners of gay and lesbian employees.

Larry Penwell, assistant professor of psychology, said that he is in favor of extending college benefits to domestic partners of employees, but said this should also include partners of unmarried heterosexuals.

"I think in an ideal world I'm for that -- it's mostly a question of logistics," Penwell said. "There's a lot of logistics that need to be worked out."

Rallis said that he thinks that the extension of college benefits to heterosexual domestic partners should also be considered, but said he thinks the issues are separate. Rallis maintains that extension of benefits to heterosexual domestic partners of college employees falls under the issue of discrimination on the basis of marital status.

Stephen Stageberg, associate professor of economics,

however, said he is not in favor of the policy to extend benefits to the partners of gay and lesbian employees. Stageberg told the Bulletin last year that he is opposed to homosexuality because the Bible says that it is immoral.

"If there's a vote, I will vote against it," Stageberg said. "I would be opposed to [the policy]."

The proposal cited Massachusetts Institute of Technology as an example of an institution which has extended benefits to domestic partners of gay and lesbian employees, but maintains stringent requirements which must be met for partners to become eligible for the benefits.

According to the proposal, partners of MIT employees are eligible for spousal health and dental benefits if all the requirements are met. The partner must be at least 18 years old and of the same sex of the employee and neither the partner nor the employee can be married to anyone. The partner and the employee must have a mutually exclusive relationship, have shared a residence for at least four consecutive months and intend to live together indefinitely. They must also sign an agreement stating and providing supporting documentation that they consider themselves life partners, share joint responsibility for their common welfare and are financially interdependent.

Donald Rallis,

assistant professor of geography

## Grate Loose, Student Injured Falling Into Catwalk

By Carl Poole  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Monday night, April 18, Mary Washington College freshman Bill Twidle was taken to Mary Washington Hospital for treatment after he fell through a grate behind Westmoreland Hall.

Twidle, a resident in Randolph Hall, was looking in the shrubs behind Westmoreland for his bike which was stolen a few weeks ago. While looking behind the shrubs, he stepped onto the grate directly alongside Westmoreland. As he walked across, one of the steel grates on the basement catwalk gave way and Twidle fell nearly six feet into a shaft, and the grate punctured his left leg in two

places. One of the punctures cut his leg to the bone.

"I'm walking along and all of a sudden the next thing I know I'm falling," said Twidle. "I landed on my back and it knocked the wind out of me, so I was trying to calm myself down."

Twidle said he laid in the shaft for several minutes and though his leg was injured, he was able to stand up. "I got up and there were blood all over my hands," he said. "I stood down there for a couple of minutes, and I gained some energy back and jumped up and grabbed the bars that were above me."

Twidle said he then pulled himself out of the catwalk and walked back to Randolph.

"He was kind of shaky, but he could still function," said

freshman Alex Inge, who helped Twidle to the health center. Campus police took him to Mary Washington Hospital, and he received six stitches.

Stuart Sullivan, maintenance control director, said that six buildings on campus, including Westmoreland, Trinkle Hall, George Washington Hall, Bushnell Hall, Seabrook Hall and Virginia Hall have catwalks, and the physical plant checks to make sure the gratings are safe every semester. Sullivan also said that he did not know how the grate could fall through, but that the physical plant is considering sealing the gratings.

"Evidently, the gratings had been tampered with," said Sullivan. "That's one of the issues we're dealing with now, making sure that the gratings can't be moved."

## ON CAMPUS WALK

### Service For Sue Hanna

The college will hold a memorial service for Sue Hanna on Monday, April 25 at 4:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. Anyone who wants to contribute to the service should contact Andrea Holland, Terry Kennedy, Steve Watkins or Genine Lentine in the ELS Department.

### Dean Position Offered To Waldman

The college has offered the position of dean of the faculty to Don Waldman, professor of economics at Colgate University in New York. According to Provost Philip Hall, Waldman unofficially accepted the offer. If all goes as anticipated, Waldman will join the college staff mid-summer, Hall said.

Director of Colgate London Study Group and director of the social sciences division, Waldman's administrative experience includes an 11-month tenure as the chairman of Colgate's economic department. Waldman was an economic consultant and expert witness for the Maryland Office of the Attorney General and has served as an economic consultant for the Maryland State Legislature.

### Graduation Preparations

According to Joni Wilson, landscape supervisor and Richard Blair, grounds supervisor, 1,340 pansies were planted, 1,500 pounds of grass seed and 1,000 yards of sod have been laid down in preparation for graduation. Wilson said that Ball Circle and Campus Walk are given special attention for graduation.

Other preparations for graduation include the set-up of the stage which Wilson and Blair said will take 18 people and four days to construct. According to Wilson and Blair, the total hours of overtime for Physical Plant workers for the month of April will be 450.

—compiled by Antoinette Morrison

## Graduation Speaker Announced

By Eric Nolan  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Dr. Arnold Oliver, chancellor of the Virginia community college system, has been chosen as commencement speaker for the May 7 graduation ceremony.

"I think the invitation is in large part due to his role as a leader in higher education," said Ron Singleton, director of college relations.

Oliver held the position of president of Danville Community College for five years. He served as assistant division chair of the humanities department at Northern Virginia Community College's Annandale Campus from 1974-76. Then, he became division chair of communications and human studies at NVCC's Manassas Campus. In 1978, he began a one-year tenure as acting provost of the Manassas Campus.

"He is president of the council of presidents, which is comprised of all the public colleges and universities

in the state," said Singleton. "He's worked with the General Assembly and the State Council."

Oliver was also appointed by Lieutenant Governor Donald Beyer to the Virginia Economic Advisory Board.

"He's particularly timely right now for two reasons," said Singleton. "One is his role as president of the Council of Presidents." The second reason, Singleton said, was an emerging partnership that needs to exist between two-year community college systems and four-year baccalaureate systems.

"We're seeing increased emphasis on the role of community colleges in Virginia," said Singleton. "Because of an increasing number of students going to college, the state has decided to put increased funding in community college systems."

According to Singleton, Oliver's invitation to speak at the MWC commencement was the result of a joint decision made by students and administrators.

"The commencement is planned and organized by the Board of Visitors.

The president [of the college] and the board then consult the leaders of the senior class."

Some students said they were satisfied with the decision. Others wondered about the intentions behind it and none had heard of Oliver.

"It seems to me like they're trying to get some guy who will send students graduating from two-year college programs our way," said senior David Sturgeon.

"What are his qualifications as a speaker?" asked senior Andy Cooke. "Has he given commencement speeches before, or is he a guy who looks good on paper and who would show up?"

"I think that if he's so unknown that nobody has even heard his name, his speech is not going to have too much impact," Cooke said.

Most, however, did not care.

"I have no idea if it's a political move," said student Senator Aron Keesbury, a senior. "Frankly, I don't care. An unfortunate, but inevitable part of college is politics."

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Planned changes to Goolrick next year include the construction of a barrier wall to close off free access between the men's and women's locker rooms which were originally built as one women's locker room, according to Gordon. Additions may also be made to the desk side staff, depending on budgetary restraints, which could add a patrolling aid during busy gym hours, according to Perry.

While desk aids are supposed to be at the front desk constantly during Goolrick's open hours, no one was there for the noon shift on Friday following the exposure. According to Gordon, the front desk being unattended is a rarity.

"In that particular instance, the student who was supposed to sit did not come," said Gordon. "And for better or for worse when you hire students, sometimes students do not live up to their responsibilities. When they don't live up to their responsibilities, we take appropriate action when it is necessary."

Despite the recent exposure, Gordon believes that students still feel safe while exercising and changing in Goolrick.

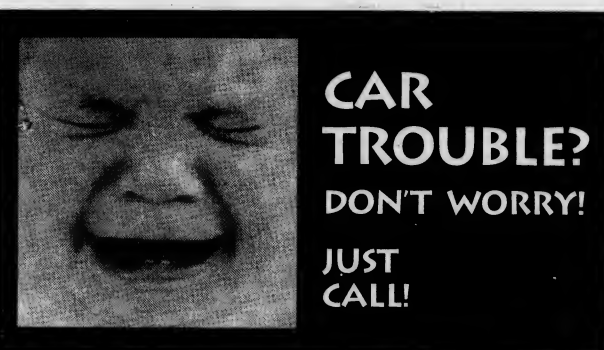
"We have desk aids that work here who have not expressed a concern -- there has been no violence in this building," he said. "We're part of society. There have been virtually no incidents, so I don't see a reason why they would not feel safe here."

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standards than it did white members of the economics department. Specifically, Williams said that the college cited Jimenez's failure to complete his dissertation in three years and his failure to produce scholarly works as reasons for his termination, yet Steven Greenlaw, current chair of the economics department, who is white, was employed four years before he received his doctorate yet was eventually granted tenure.

Jimenez is now working as an analyst in Silver Springs, Md., but said he may consider returning to teaching. In a phone interview Tuesday, he said that he was pleased with the outcome of the trial, but that he had expected to win because he thought the college did not put up a good defense. Jimenez said he hopes that the outcome will be a lesson for the college.

"They should pay more concern to minorities. If they don't address the issues, they are setting themselves up for additional problems," Jimenez said.



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# OPINIONS

## Survey Says...

On March 31, 1994, the Bulletin sent out 100 surveys to random MWC students, faculty/staff and administrators. The purpose of this self-study was to gauge the success of the Bulletin in a number of areas, including objectivity, attractiveness, diversity and accessibility. We received 18 of the 100 surveys. The results and comments which we received have helped to point out both the positive and negative aspects of the Bulletin as a newspaper.

First of all, let us discuss the basics of the results. Of the 18 surveys, nine were completed by students, six by faculty/staff and three by administrators. Fifteen said they read the Bulletin weekly (or every week that it comes out). News and Opinions are the two most read sections, and Sports is the least read. Only five respondents had patronized a store or inquired about a classified that was printed in the Bulletin.

The next portion of the survey asked the respondents to rate 17 different topics as poor, mediocre, adequate, good, excellent or not sure. The coverage in the Bulletin was rated by 72 percent as "good." Coverage in the News section was rated "good" by 55 percent and coverage in the Features section and diversity in the Opinions section was rated by 44 percent as "good." Thirty-three percent of the respondents rated the coverage in the Sports and Entertainment sections as "good."

A large portion of the respondents were not sure about the effectiveness or diversity of advertisements in the Bulletin. The professionalism of the Bulletin was rated as "good" by 44 percent, and the attractiveness of the newspaper was rated as "good" by 55 percent. The Bulletin was considered "good" in comparison with newspapers from other colleges/universities as well as with the Bulletin in past years.

The Bulletin rated lower in a few categories. Thirty-three percent thought the Bulletin was "good" at responding to the demands and needs of the MWC community. The openness to criticisms displayed on the part of the Bulletin was rated "good" by 39 percent. The objectivity in the Bulletin was rated by 28 percent as "good."

In the last section of the survey, the respondents were asked to write out comments. Among the responses concerning the effective, informative nature of the Bulletin, several people wrote that they liked the big headlines and direct reporting, articles on school issues, police beat, layout and the standardized format. Responses concerning the elements of the newspaper which need to be improved included a lack of objectivity, poor editing, lack of confidentiality (in the articles on Rob Abrams and Michael Joyce), inaccurate quoting, and sensationalism. Suggestions for improvements included more articles on world issues, improving the In Brief section and placing the Bulletin in the dorms.

On the whole, comments indicated that while the Bulletin has a few problems on which to work, the paper is better than it has been in years past, the layout is good and the articles are informative.

We appreciate the efforts of the 18 people who responded to our survey. As promised, we will take all these comments and criticisms into consideration as we strive to improve the newspaper.

## A True Monument

Almost one year ago, the college completed construction of New Dorm, which has yet to receive a permanent name. The college understandably takes its time before choosing a name for its new buildings because it is an opportunity to honor someone who has benefited Mary Washington College in some way. In the case of New Dorm, we think that choice should be an easy one: Susan Hanna, former chair and long-time faculty member in English, linguistics, and speech, who died two weeks ago after a long battle with cancer.

Most often, it seems that individuals who donate money to the college are virtual shoo-ins to have a building named in their honor. Robert and Alice Andrews Jepson donated a great deal of money to help with the construction of the new science building—hence the name "The Jepson Science Center." The art gallery was named after donor Phyllis Ridderhof Martin. According to Ron Singleton, director of the office of college relations and legislative affairs, the New Dorm could potentially be named to honor a future donor.

Certainly, there are buildings around campus which have been named to honor women, but none which honor the life and contributions a woman has made to the improvement of academia at MWC. Several men who directly affected the college have received the distinction of having buildings named after them, including former College President Grellet Simpson, former College President Prince Woodward, and former Dean Edward Alvey.

When Sue Hanna died, she left behind students and faculty who respected and admired her. Dr. Hanna dedicated her life—26 years at Mary Washington College—to teaching students. That is the kind of commitment to excellence which deserves to be honored and remembered.

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## Minority Faculty Faces Many Obstacles

Anthony Jimenez  
Guest Columnist

The recent trial between Mary Washington College and myself has generated considerable debate at the College. This letter addresses issues concerning the question of qualifications, the nature of my charge of racial discrimination and the institutional barriers confronting many minorities at the college.

With respect to qualifications, one of the articles in the Bulletin left the impression that I was yet to complete my Ph.D. For the record, I wish to state in unambiguous terms that I am finished with my degree. End of story.

The Bulletin printed a number of accusations made by Phil Hall and Bob Rycroft at the recently concluded case which have been the subject of lively discourse. The accusations raised by these individuals were not substantiated by any documentary evidence at the trial. Unsubstantiated claims are, by their very nature, mere accusations. One such accusation deals with Bob Rycroft's claim that I was "minimally qualified" for the position in the economics department.

The issue of minimum qualifications has been discussed without Bob Rycroft or the institution providing a definition of the term "minimally qualified." This issue has been used by the college as an excuse from the facts surrounding the case. Is it the college's claim that I was minimally qualified because I had not defended my dissertation? Or was I minimally qualified because I was an

affirmative action candidate? Certainly the college could not claim that I lacked the teaching experience.

I find great difficulty in arriving at any rational conclusion in understanding Bob Rycroft's determination of my qualification for the position. When one views the male complement in the economics department, my sense of bewilderment becomes readily apparent. Specifically, Bob Rycroft started at the college in a part-time position without having completed his dissertation, according to his deposition. Steve Greenlaw also began in the economics department without completing his dissertation, and did not defend his dissertation until four years after his arrival. In his deposition, Steve Greenlaw said that he was threatened with dismissal in his first three years for not having defended his dissertation. In a similar vein, Steve Stageberg's start in the economics department was without having completed his dissertation. He did not defend his dissertation for two years after arriving at the college. The last white male faculty member hired by the department was hired as an ABD in 1991. If my "minimal" qualifications were predicated upon my not having defended by dissertation, then certainly an identical inference can be drawn about the entire white male complement of the economics department. Simply stated, if I am "minimally qualified" as a minority from a "protected" group, would the said individuals who do not enjoy the same status be considered

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## Students Get Psyched For Symposium

Stacy O. Lucas  
Guest Columnist

Many psychology students participated in the Ninth Annual Psi Chi Research Symposium which was held Thursday, April 14 and Friday, April 15. Students presented results from class projects and from year-long independent studies.

The symposium was sponsored by students in Psi Chi, the national honor society for psychology majors. To be eligible for Psi Chi membership, students must meet the following criteria: 1) be a declared psychology major (or a

BLS student with a core concentration in psychology); 2) complete at least 15 hours in psychology courses at MWC; 3) obtain an overall GPA of 3.1 or greater and a GPA of 3.25 or greater in MWC psychology classes. Members are inducted during both the fall and spring semesters. Students in Psi Chi also sponsor guest speakers and hold community service activities such as a food drive for the Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence.

The symposium provided the  
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## U.S. Citizen Should Not Be Exempt From Punishment

Matt Withers  
Columnist

To cane or not to cane,  
That is the question.  
Whether 'tis nobler to  
whip a young boy into  
unconsciousness  
or to let him off the hook  
because he's a U.S. resident.

Sure, Shakespeare's probably ready to jump out of his grave and shoot me, but people really seem to be torn on the issue of Michael Fay's upcoming caning. In case you aren't familiar with the case, here are the essentials. Michael Fay, a U.S. teenager living in Singapore, was found guilty of

vandalism. His sentence is four months in prison, a \$2,200 fine and six strokes of a cane on his bare buttocks.

The debate in this case centers around the caning, during which people are pretty much guaranteed to have their skin split, causing permanent scarring. They also usually fall unconscious. A medical examiner is present at all canings to revive the prisoner so that the rest of the strokes can be administered.

I think there are two different issues at play in this debate, and many of the people on either side are looking at

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## Letters To The Editor

### Student Appreciates Faculty

I would like to comment on a letter to the editor entitled "Faculty Hiring Procedures Unfair," [March 24, 1994]. The letter, written by a freshman, seems to imply that Mary Washington does not hire "the best qualified professors." Having transferred here from another state-supported school, I feel MWC has an outstanding faculty.

I was taught by Professor Jimenez for two semesters and found him to be a very effective educator. He was particularly adept at giving insightful examples of economic concepts and showed a great deal of concern for student progress. In short, I feel that he was one of the best professors on an excellent staff.

Not knowing all of the details of his termination, I cannot comment on his case. I can only say that I hope that he goes on to enrich the education of other students at some other college or university.

Brian Cahill  
senior

### Harassment Victims Praised By Student

I am writing in response to the myriad of letters of condemnation in regards to the sexual harassment case against Michael Joyce.

I am appalled that the condemnation is focused not on the perpetrator, Mr. Joyce, but on his victims. They are being lambasted for telling the truth. They did not delve into "public half-truths, innuendo, and the outright falsification of facts" as Linda Blakemore would rewrite history and lead us to believe. The college found sufficient evidence in their, and five other's testimonies, to enforce sanctions against Mr. Joyce. They never once talked about the specifics—that was done by a supporter and confidant of Mr. Joyce's, Chris Wright '93, in his letter to the Bulletin. It was Chris Wright who informed the college community of the details of the charges. And for the record, I have been directed by three different professors in the department, taught by all, and it was only with Mr. Joyce that I felt I had to worry about being wrestled to the ground.

Tiffany Cothran, Sheila Shadman

and Emily Baird are three incredibly strong and brave women who had nothing to gain from coming forward, except public scorn and possibly an environment conducive to learning—of which Mr. Joyce deprived them.

For professors who, like Fred Davidson, worry about "an eighteen-year-old getting her nose out of joint," I offer this advice: refrain from forcibly rolling around on the floor with your hands all over your student's bodies, and you should be fine.

Colette Epplé  
senior

### GLBSA Harassment Disappointed Intolerance

When I read the article published in last week's edition about the hate crimes committed against the members of the GLBSA, I was not surprised in the least. Between these latest incidents and the acts of vandalism which occurred during the Sanctity of Human Life Week, I am finding it more and more difficult to recall that this is the same institution which hosted a conference on tolerance just a couple of months ago.

I am neither a homosexual nor a member of the GLBSA. However, as a member of the college community, I am obligated to raise my voice against the acts of intolerance and hate such as those which occurred during Unity Week. I am also disappointed about the student body's response (or lack thereof) to these incidents. The task of upholding our Community Values and Behavioral Expectations should not fall solely on the shoulders of the administration and the faculty; the student body has a responsibility to condemn acts of intolerance and hate which violate our community values.

I want to ask a question to the entire student body. Do you not feel that as a person, a human being, that you have the right to be treated with courtesy, dignity, and respect, regardless of your race, sexual orientation, or gender?

Acts of intolerance and hate crimes against homosexuals on this campus will continue unless an outraged student body finally stands up and refuses to accept such outrageous and atrocious behavior.

Myronée Simpson  
freshman

### Professor's Speech Not Unprofessional

Mary Washington is a time-honored and established center for higher learning, a home to many students and professors. But Mary Washington College is far from perfect, and I for one appreciate the eloquent manner in which Dr. Watkins addressed this fact in his address at Junior Ring Presentation. Have spent three happy and satisfying years at Mary Washington and intend to return for a fourth, but I will not delude myself and others and say that we live in a perfect world here on campus. There are problems: sexual harassment, prejudice and bureaucratic red tape. Unfortunately, it seems that some at Mary Washington believed that if we ignore the problems, they will go away.

Neither myself nor my parents appreciate being treated as naive children for whom the decisions of what to inform us of is made "for our own good" because we can't really understand the workings of a college. The best way to solve problems is to directly approach them. If Dr. Watkins has helped start the wheels turning on any issue by openly addressing them to students and their parents, then good for him.

Concerning Miss Jacobs' comments on being insulted by Dr. Watkins' comments about this "soulless institution" and our "hollow" rings, this exemplifies the danger of taking things out of context. If anything we should be flattered that Dr. Watkins believes that it is we, the students, who are the soul of Mary Washington. The buildings and administration of this institution would not exist without the students. Our rings are hollow. I agree with Dr. Watkins -- they are meaningless pieces of metal without our personal assignments of meaning

and memory to them. I appreciate Dr. Watkins' combination of sentiment and forthright reality. I left Dodd Auditorium that night with not only a class ring, but also a sense of pride and empowerment.

Christine Harrison  
junior

### Senior Defends Watkins' Speech

I would like to respond to Miss Jacob's comments pertaining to the speech made by Dr. Steven Watkins on Friday, April 1 during Junior Ring presentation. Miss Jacobs complains about how Dr. Watkins' remarks on Dr. Anderson and former Biology professor Dan Abel were "violating of personal space." The fact is, Miss Jacobs did not attend the ceremony and therefore cannot give an accurate correlation between personal space and the speaker's remarks. I think that an obscene message on a student's door is violating someone's space more than that of a speech about the reality that this institution is just that, a place of business, a corporation.

Dr. Watkins decided not to give the everting congratulatory speech that Dr. Anderson has given for years on end, but a speech that was intended to alert the student body that this is the time to do something with their lives, a time to fight for those that are "different" from the status quo on campus and a time to realize that MWC is not the fairy tale institution, the administration wants the students to think that it is. In fact, it seems as though Dr. Watkins was remarking on the very administration that Miss Jacobs has had to work with all these years. It seems quite strange that she

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### Bullet Letter Policy

The Bulletin is always eager to receive Letters to the Editor and every effort is made to print them. If there are numerous letters on one subject, a sampling of the best letters received will be printed.

Letters should be approximately 250 words, typed, double-spaced. All letters are subject to editing for length and clarity. The deadline is Tuesday by 2 p.m.

The Bulletin does not publish anonymous letters. All letters need to be signed with the writer's appropriate title. A phone number and address is also needed for verification.

All letters can be mailed to the Bulletin at 7701 College Avenue, Fredericksburg, Va. 22401-4666 or delivered to our office in the Woodard Campus Center. If you have questions, call Lori Betourne or Jill Golden at (703) 899-4393.

## Explorer Post Promotes Education

Robert Reynolds  
Guest Columnist

Post 1911 was chartered by the BSA in fall 1990. It is co-sponsored by the College Police and the Fredericksburg Police Department. The post was founded with the intent of educating and involving youth in police operations, interesting them in possible police services and to build mutual understanding. The education aspect provides knowledge of the Law Enforcement function in one's community whether one enters the Law Enforcement field or not. The Explorer program establishes an awareness of the complexities of police service. While police personnel remain the key to success, other reliable citizens can also become involved in the exploring program. Law Enforcement Exploring has three main themes: 1) to further the

explorer's education, 2) to encourage the explorer's preparation for future roles as citizens, community leaders, and Law Enforcement careers, and 3) to serve as a potential recruitment tool for future men and women in Law Enforcement.

The Post serves as a community relations tool, a service group within the community, and a potential source of supplemental manpower. Members must be of good health, of good moral standing with no arrests or criminal history for serious offenses and the explorers must maintain satisfactory grades in school.

Members in good standing are encouraged to participate in a one-on-one program which provides an on-site understanding of law enforcement.

Reynolds is a police officer with the Campus Police.

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opportunity for students to present results and discuss the implications of experiments that were conducted for either class projects or for 491 independent studies. Sponsoring psychology professors included Drs. Corcoran, Hampton, Kilmartin, MacEwen, Nissim-Sabat, Smith and Steckler. In addition, Dr. Parker of the English, linguistics and speech department sponsored a group of students presenting their research in psycholinguistics.

Students discussed their projects and answered any questions from the audience. Two members from Psi Chi judged each presentation to provide the presenters with feedback on overall style and delivery of the presentation. Students also had the option of being judged by two faculty members who rated the content and methodology of the study.

A keynote address was given by professor Amelia Compton, senior lecturer of psychology, who presented the results from her dissertation

entitled "Pre-clinical Evaluation of the Anxiolytic Potential of PCP-like Drugs." Compton used rats to study the anti-anxiety effects of drugs similar to PCP before these drugs are produced to be sold on the market.

Following the keynote address, a reception for students and faculty was held at Framar where winners of the best 491 research projects and the best class project were announced. The award for the best 491 project was given to Amy VanDillen and Kim Floyd for their study on "The Gender Role Characteristics and Parental Relationships of Sexual Assault Perpetrators." Kilmartin was their sponsoring professor. Nikki Meyers, Leah Perry and Joyce Solomon were awarded for having the best class project for their study on "Acoustic and Visual Coding of Homophonic Words." Hampton was their sponsoring professor.

Stacy O. Lucas is a senior majoring in psychology. She was the secretary of Psi Chi for the 1993-94 year.

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is taking the administrative side to this issue and totally disregarding the open-minded view Dr. Watkins so wonderfully asked the Junior Class to take with them into "the real world."

It is unfortunate that those who deviate from the conservative thinking, those that "rock the boat," seem to be those that are asked to leave this institution. Hopefully, Dr. Steven Watkins will not be "Mary Washington's April Fool" but a professor that will get the last laugh.

Matt Covington  
senior

## Fair Provided Diversity For Students

My English As a Second Language (ESL) class was so impressed with the college after our visit for the Multicultural Fair on April 9 that I decided to use your column for a collective pat on the back.

From our warm welcome to the campus from Vice President Martin A. Wilder to the fine arrangements and hard work of the Multicultural Center staff, it was a perfect day!

While all the college students we met were delightfully helpful and unfailingly kind, we particularly appreciated the extra efforts of Agustín Carmona-Ernest, president of the Hispanic Student Association, and Alex Newell, president of the MWC Spanish Club.

My young immigrant students from Prince William County learned a lot about other cultures and had a ton of fun on that super Saturday. Additionally, they came away with the feeling that Mary Washington College truly values diversity and respect for all peoples.

Kathleen Mahoney  
Beville Middle School

## Recreation For All Students At MWC

In the editorial, "Fair Play for Both Sexes," in the April 7 issue of the Bulletin, the author makes the point that the rules in campus recreation at Mary Washington College and every other campus in America is to provide fun,

safe, leisure activities for the college community. Here at Campus Recreation we offer activities that have divisional play in men's, women's and co-recreational categories. All members of our college community have the option of playing sports against their own sex or in an environment against the opposite sex through co-recreational play.

The premise in offering co-recreational activities is not strictly a competitive one. We strive to offer opportunities to have fun and to socialize with friends of the opposite sex. In co-recreational play, rules have been added that create a more level playing field for everyone. Of course there are female participants that are more skilled than their male counterparts but, in general, this is not the case. In Olympic competition there are events for both males and females. In college competition there are sports for males and females. Any coach will tell you that in most cases men are bigger, faster, and stronger than women. There are some tremendous women athletes who compete at high levels of ability in our intramural program, but overall, circumstances dictate that we develop rules that serve the majority not the exceptions.

In a tennis competition last year when Jimmy Connors played Martina Navratilova, the rules and court were adapted to create a level playing field. In a golf competition held each year involving the PGA, the Senior PGA and the LPGA distances are adjusted to create a level playing field. The main reason for adapting rules for co-recreational sports is to create an environment where all participants can play and have fun, regardless of skill level.

John MacDonald  
Director of Campus Recreation

THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF THE BULLET. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE END OF AUGUST BEFORE THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE FALL SEMESTER.

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to be "less than minimally qualified" or maybe, "disimally qualified"? By extension, what conclusion would one be inclined to draw about other white faculty members who were hired in other departments without having completed their terminal degrees?

During my stay at the college, I applied for and received labor certification from the Department of Labor. Labor certification is granted under conditions where the sponsoring institution can demonstrate that the individual is the best qualified for the position under consideration. In order to show such proof, my position was advertised nationally. In excess of 70 individuals applied for the position, and with the aid of the department, the proof was provided to the Labor Department showing that I was the most qualified person for the position. Would this suggest to any rational individual that I was "minimally qualified" for the position I held in the economics department?

I competed for the position in the economics department with two other candidates, one an African of color and the other a white American. Both candidates were male. Of the three candidates, I received the majority of votes from the faculty in the department and I was the unanimous choice among the economics majors who voted for the candidates. Should the choice of a candidate not be based upon that individual's academic background, interviews conducted and the individual's presentation? If not, then are minorities held to different standards from whites in the face of adversity? In the same vein, one individual was hired in the economics department without a Ph.D. after the first two choices declined the department's offer. Should this individual be viewed as less than qualified for the position? I certainly hope not!

There is a perception on the part of many in the college community that I was a part of an affirmative action drive to increase the number of black faculty at the college. A closer examination of this statement would demonstrate the college's use of the affirmative action program to exculpate itself from the manner in which I was treated. In 1989, I was one of two blacks hired on a full-time tenure track basis. Since that time, the college has not hired a single

black full-time tenure track faculty member. Since then another black faculty member and myself have left the institution. There are fewer tenure track black faculty members at the college today than there were in 1989. Clearly, the hiring of two blacks in 1989 does not constitute an affirmative action hiring scheme. The lack of continued effort to increase the black faculty complement does not reflect an effective commitment on the part of the institution toward affirmative action. Where is the commitment to diversity that the college claims? Does anyone expect the college to claim that I was "suitably qualified" when the institution was facing a discrimination suit? Is the issue of qualification germane to my case given the information I have disclosed?

The decision on the part of the department was based on the fact that my student evaluations were below the college average for my first two years and I had not defended my dissertation after being at the college for two and one half years. Rycroft, who was serving as interim chair, sent me a copy of the chair's report and indicated that I should sign one copy and forward it to Phil Hall. I could not sign his report given the fact that I disagreed with the report, and I was not given an opportunity to discuss its contents. Rycroft forwarded it to Phil Hall without my signature. For those readers who are not faculty members, the end of the chair's report states, in part, "I acknowledge this evaluation, which my department chair has discussed with me..." Is this sort of act not in violation of the Faculty Handbook? How many other faculty members have been subjected to this type of treatment?

In April 1992, I was quite surprised to discover a memorandum that was sent by Phil Hall to Rycroft concerning the chair's evaluation that Rycroft had written about me. In this memorandum, dated Feb. 25, 1992, Hall suggested a rewording of the first paragraph of Rycroft's report. The suggested change, which detailed a number of accusations, was adopted verbatim in Rycroft's chair report of Feb. 26, 1992. At the end of the memo, Hall congratulated Rycroft stating that on "the whole I think you have done an excellent job on this Bob. It strikes just the right tone. Thank you very much." For a junior faculty member, the only avenue of

appeal is through the Dean of Academic Affairs, who at that time was Phil Hall. Where was my window of opportunity? These circumstances resulted in my being offered a one-year terminal contract.

A closer examination of the teaching loads to which I was assigned from my second through my fifth semester revealed that I consistently carried course overloads. Over this period of time I had three requests refused for a course reduction so that could spend more time on the completion of my dissertation. Should not the institution be more supportive of my efforts to complete my dissertation?

With respect to my teaching evaluation scores, it was not apparent in the Bulletin that over my final three semesters at the college, my student evaluation averages were at the college average in one semester and substantially higher in the other two semesters. During their depositions and testimonies, Hall, Rycroft and Greenlaw could not offer any plausible explanation concerning the vast disparity between the two different sets of evaluations. In addition, during his testimony, Hall admitted that there were not set standards at the college for determining teacher effectiveness based exclusively upon teaching evaluation scores.

After word of my contract became common knowledge at the college, a number of students requested a meeting with President Anderson to protest the department's decision to offer me a terminal contract. Subsequent to that meeting, three different groups of students went to see the dean for similar reasons to no avail. After the students met with Anderson, I learned that several of these students had witnessed other students openly conspiring in my classes to give me bad evaluations. The students met with Anderson and Hall attempting to what they had witnessed in the classroom. In addition, I wrote at length about the same issue in my letter of exception to the dean noting that such a policy was a violation of both my academic freedom and the honor code. Neither the college nor the department took any action to identify the perpetrators. Of the students that witnessed the incidents, no one was questioned by either the administration or the department as a follow-up to investigate this issue.

In his deposition, Hall claimed that there was insufficient time to investigate the incident. However, when asked if the college had discovered widespread cheating on an exam within the same timeframe, his answer was, "Yes." In addition, Hall admitted in his deposition that another black faculty member had made a similar claim previously and he did not investigate that complaint either. The Dean further admitted that these were the only two accounts of tampering with faculty evaluations he had been aware of.

In an exchange of correspondence between Greenlaw, who had then assumed the chair's position, and myself, Greenlaw wrote that my student evaluations in fall 1992 were so at variance with others I had received that the department questioned their validity. The impression conveyed seems to suggest that while the department was willing to accept those reluctant to accept those evaluations that did not display any evidence of such tampering.

During the Fall 1992 semester, five faculty members, including Hall, visited my classes on different occasions to observe my teaching. The faculty members in question were George King, Craig Vasey, Corcoran, Larry Penwell and Chris Kilmartin. Hall also visited my class. None of these individuals, including Hall, found any problems with my classroom performance.

Why did the tenured members of the economics department not visit my classes prior to their decision? Was my early demise anticipated? Was it thought that I would roll over and die? The judge's decision in my lawsuit against the college would determine whether a "black, minimally qualified, affirmative action" mind can successfully challenge the status quo at Mary Washington College.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all those individuals who provided support in the form of testimony in court and letters, and last but not least to the many students who rallied to my support.

Anthony Jiminez, former professor of economics at MWC, is a natural resource economist with a consulting firm in Maryland. For an unedited version of this text, contact the writer.

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the wrong issue. For instance, people who oppose Fay's caning are ignoring the fact that he did break a law. He also knew the possible results of his actions. To argue that Fay should be shown an example is an elitist attitude, not humanitarian concern. It sends a message that U.S. citizens should not be accountable to another country's laws. Caning is a horrendously sadistic punishment, but I don't think Fay should be exempt simply because he is from this country.

On the other side of the debate are people who support the caning. I've seen numerous responses such as, "Whip the little [expletive]s butt," or other equally inspiring statements of opinion. In all honesty, I agree that Michael Fay deserves to be punished for his actions. This does not mean, however, that caning is, or should be supported as an appropriate punishment for crimes, but we should be outraged that a punishment such as caning is used. It is incomprehensibly disgusting to me that someone could support beating a human being into

unconsciousness. That's not justice, it's sadism.

There are those who are so bound and determined to think the best of people that they cannot consistently mete out appropriate punishments. It sounds ironic, but some people really are too compassionate, at least for this type of situation. On the other hand are people who want hard-line punishments in order to stop crime. Most of these people are frustrated by a flawed U.S. justice system, and are thus attracted to an uncompromising system such as Singapore's. These

people are too rigid to ever run a fair judicial system. We need to take a stand that is somewhere in the middle.

Instead of pushing leniency for Fay, the U.S. should support punishing the crime. Then a serious attempt to pressure Singapore into eliminating caning as a sentence would be the next best step. Only if caning is stopped, though, should Fay be spared. He deserves no more and no less than any other person who breaks a law - even if he is from the United States. Matt Withers is a junior English major certifying to teach secondary school.

## Looks like a Vivarin night.

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# FEATURES

## Battered Women Break The Cycle Of Violence

### One Woman's Story

By Cara Biega  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Samantha's husband never gave her flowers. All he gave her was grief. She never thought she would end up in an abusive marriage. She blames her bad marriage partly on the fact that her husband was never run past the family gauntlet. "He probably would've been weeded out if he had been," she said. While they were dating, she found him to be very nice, however after they exchanged their wedding vows, she did not find his actions toward her to be nice at all.

Her husband started to psychologically abuse her soon after they were married. "He was always putting me down," she said. "Nothing I could do was right for him." His personal attacks ranged from criticizing her cooking ability to her hairstyle. One time she burned spaghetti, and from that point on her husband berated her for not being able to boil water. "He would never let it go," she said. "It was always an issue."

Her husband belittled her in front of friends and family. One friend asked Samantha's husband why he never said anything nice about his wife.

Samantha's husband's abusive actions drove her mother to yell at him after witnessing him verbally abuse her daughter. She turned on him and yelled, "I never hear you say anything nice about my daughter and I don't want to hear you say anything unless you can say something nice about her."

Samantha hid the hurt through denial. "One of the reasons, I don't think I noticed it happen was that he would do it like he was kidding—poking jokes," she said. However, Samantha did not find her husband's sense of humor to be that funny. "After a while, the funning still with the humorous tone in his voice became more vicious and began to really hurt," she said.

According to Samantha, her husband was also manipulative and controlling. Instead of being his wife, she became his servant. She began to lose her identity. "We had his friends, but I didn't have my friends," she said.

Her husband would make excuses and find useless chores for her to do to keep her from leaving the house. He even refused to walk her home from night classes, in hopes that she would drop out. However, Samantha did have some spirit left. She signed up for karate lessons.

Samantha's husband was also financially controlling. They both worked, yet lived off of her salary. She never saw his. And despite the fact that her husband did have money, in four years of marriage, he only bought her one gift: a cheap teddy bear nightshirt.

She found herself buying Christmas and birthday presents for herself. "If I didn't buy a Christmas present, I wouldn't have gotten one," she said. She and her husband never even celebrated their wedding anniversary. "I don't think he ever remembered it," she said.

About three years into the marriage, Samantha said that her husband started getting physically rough. "He grabbed and pushed me, but never left a mark," she said. "His big thing was to wrestle me just to prove that I couldn't fight him." Even with her karate experience, Samantha never fought back. "I'm basically not a violent person and don't like to hurt people," she said. However, her husband never hesitated to hurt her, in fact Samantha alleges that he raped her several times.

Samantha said that she found the rape to be the worst part of the violence. The mere idea of having sex with her husband totally nauseated her. "I'd just say no, stay away from me, don't touch me. No, of course, did not always work," she said. Samantha had a disillusioned vision of married life. "I thought, I'm married, this is part of being married. He's allowed to do this. He's the man of the house," she said.

Despite the abuse, Samantha said she wanted to uphold her vows and tried to save her marriage. However, the state of the marriage continued to decline along with her husband's mental health. He was diagnosed as a manic depressive.

Two factors drove Samantha to end all the hurt and the marriage. The first was when she found her husband terrorizing their three-year-old son. One day, after coming home from work she walked in to find her husband laughing and her son screaming in terror. Her smiling husband was chasing him around the house with a remote control car that was half the toddler's size. Samantha screamed at her husband to stop and carried her son upstairs. However, her husband simply picked up the remote control

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Colleen Maguire/Bullet

## Domestic Violence Affects One In Five Women

By Cara Biega  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Sally Alvarez is the perfect person to head the crime prevention program at the Dumfries Police Station. She is an expert on the most common but least reported crime in the United States: domestic violence.

One would never guess that just a few years ago Alvarez was covered by cuts and bruises, injuries not received in the line of duty, but by the fists of her husband. For 13 years, Alvarez was a battered wife.

Alvarez never expected to get involved in an abusive marriage. In high school and college, she said she excelled at everything. "I was basically a leader and never a follower," she said.

However, she said that as a wife she was verbally and physically abused. The abuse transformed her from an outgoing person into a battered recluse. She said that her husband's constant belittling made her feel that she could do nothing right. His spiteful remarks would range from there was not enough sauce on the spaghetti to the fact that no one would ever marry her. His malicious attacks degraded Alvarez's once confident personality. "I lost my identity," she said.

Alvarez's husband drove her self-esteem into the ground. She despised the emotional attacks. "In my case I would rather have him hit me than verbally abuse me," she said. "I hated the verbal abuse...the humiliation and the head games."

Alvarez's husband just did not hit her, he beat her severely. On one occasion, her husband beat her so badly that she could hardly move. Her co-workers eventually forced her to go to the hospital because of her battered physical condition. She was covered in bruises, and had a mild concussion and bumps all over her head from her husband banging it on the floor.

Alvarez believes that she probably should have gone to the hospital a couple of times, but thought she could handle it. However, instead of handling it, she hid it. "I would make a lot of excuses or I stayed away from the public until it went away," she said.

She was able to hide the abuse from her mother until the end of the marriage, but her children were constant eyewitnesses. Often her husband would wake up their two sleeping children and drag them downstairs to watch him fight their mother.

Alcohol was a major factor in the abuse. At times, Alvarez said that she and her children would lock themselves in the bathroom to hide from her husband's drunken rages. Sometimes, they would even fall asleep behind the locked bathroom door. "I guess I was hoping it would go away," she said.

The violence never went away, so the family ended up leaving. Alvarez decided to leave when her husband started directing his anger toward their children. "I could take it, I was an adult," she said. But she could not bear to watch her husband attack her five-year-old son. Her daughter was spared from his abuse because she was "daddy's little girl," but her son was not. Alvarez's ex-husband is presently in jail for abusing his two-year-old son from a previous marriage.

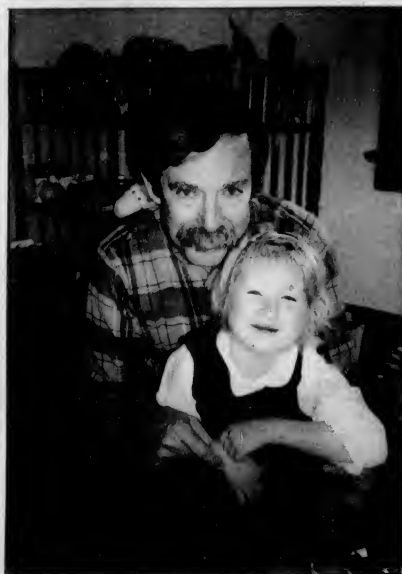
Today, Alvarez protects her children and the citizens of Dumfries as a police officer. She felt that joining the force was the perfect career move. During her days as a battered woman she came to know police policies well. Her husband's beatings drove her to call the police several times.

In the final days of her marriage she even went into the station and obtained an arrest warrant. Alvarez's first field training officer that hired her was also the first officer who arrested her husband for domestic abuse.

Today, in addition to her police duties, Alvarez volunteers for the Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence. She is responsible for counseling battered women through the Council's Fresh Start program.

According to fact sheets produced by the National Woman Abuse Prevention Project, Alvarez's former situation is typical for an estimated three to four million American women. In this nation, one in every five women involved in an intimate relationship with a man is beaten repeatedly by that man.

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Courtesy Photo

Gary Stanton hugs his newly adopted daughter Elena.

## Stanton and Gregory Open Up Hearts and Home

By Joelle Mickelson  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Gary Stanton and Molly Gregory have been traveling for the past few years. Their destination: parenthood. Traversing a landscape of grief together when they lost their son at birth in 1992, then bumping along the pitted road of international adoption, the two made the final leg of their journey separately when Gregory flew to Novosibirsk, Siberia to adopt five-year-old Elena. Gregory returned to the United States two weeks ago after an extended trip to Siberia resulted in a successful adoption.

Stanton, assistant professor of historic preservation, could not make the trip with his wife during the middle of the semester. "I thought the hardest part was that I wanted to support Molly. We do these things in our life together and yet school must go on...We were able to talk on the phone, but it is not the same as being there," he said. "I felt bad about that, but I love my daughter. The results, for me, were wonderful, but I feel bad that I couldn't be there."

After talking about adoption for years and subsequently living through the death of their son, the two decided to move forward with plans to adopt. "After [our son] died, we decided that we still wanted to parent. In a way, that experience made us realize even more that we wanted to be parents," Gregory said.

Working through The Datz Foundation, an international and domestic adoption agency located in Vienna, Va., Stanton and Gregory started the paperwork for the adoption in the Fall 1993. Gregory said they chose to look for a child internationally because adopting a child domestically can be a daunting task. "We felt for our needs, partly after the death of our baby, that we didn't have the energy to hunt for a baby domestically," Gregory said. "There are more women choosing to parent their own children than choosing adoption and there are far more parents looking for children than there are children."

In February, the adoption agency notified Stanton and Gregory that a child had been selected for them and on March 19, Gregory flew to Siberia to meet a girl originally intended to be their new daughter living at the Novosibirsk Children's Home No. 2.

Yet, their journey held one last cruel twist. "I didn't feel like we had gotten full information about her medical condition. Some of her [medical history] was just

plain wrong," Gregory said. "So it was very difficult for me to do because we had this child's picture and we had purchased clothes for her, but I just felt like she was just not going to be right for our family, which broke my heart. It felt like, to both of us, that we had lost another child."

Determined, Gregory pressed on with her search. Adoption officials at the children's home encouraged her to look for another child. That's when she met Elena.

Smart and friendly, the blue-eyed, blonde-haired Russian girl soon became the missing piece in Stanton and Gregory's family. Added to the challenge of getting to know each other, the new family must also overcome a language barrier. Elena spoke no English when she came to the United States and Gregory and Stanton know only a minimal amount of Russian. "I think it's very frustrating for all three of us when we have disagreements because we have very limited Russian skills," Gregory said.

Beyond communication difficulties, Stanton said, he must learn how to be a parent. "Some things are philosophical and you think about it ahead of time and others are purely practical. When I thought about Elena coming, I thought about the games that we would play or the computer programs that we would get," Stanton said. "Now I'm thinking about how I can keep her from falling down and scraping her knee. How can I explain to her that we have walked around the block enough today or it's time to eat before we go to bed. So now that we are in it, it's just moment to moment."

For Stanton, part of the new adjustment is learning to balance work and family. "I do feel like it is going to be important for me to manage my time more and be there for my students and be there for my family. To this point, the students have been my family and now I have this daughter," he said.

Helping him balance the two, he said, are role models like Assistant Professor of Historic Preservation Doug Sanford. "We told him, 'Welcome to the brotherhood of fatherhood.' Gary's in the midst of a tenure decision and under the circumstances you feel like you need to spend as much time here as possible, but the time is right for him to cut back here," Sanford said.

Maintaining a pragmatic approach, Stanton said, "We are growing in our relationship. It's like, [the relationship is] a plant meant to be one place or is it meant to be there because of the roots that it puts down? Like a tree that is rooted, we are trying to develop that situation."

# SPORTS

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### McLean, Reed Key Men's Blow-out

On April 16 men's lacrosse defeated Shenandoah, 23-9. In the victory, sophomore Bill McLean and junior Aaron Reed each had five goals. Senior Chris Bergin, sophomore Kurt Bratten and freshman Kyle Aldrich each amassed three goals. Bergin also had four assists and freshman Craig Siemes dished out three. Senior Eric Amberg had 11 saves and recorded the win. At the present time, McLean leads MWC in scoring with 40 points (38 goals, 2 assists). A close second is Reed who has 39 points (36 goals, 3 assists). The Eagles finish up their regular season on April 19 at defending CAC champion St. Mary's.



Bill McLean

### Women's Lax Splits

On April 12, the Eagles defeated Division II nemesis Longwood College 11-10. Sophomore Heather Hallows had three goals and two assists, freshman Jenny Haselbeck had two goals and an assist, and Eliza Huber tallied three goals. In goal, freshman Nicole Matthews made 10 saves while recording the win.

On April 14, the Eagles lost to unbeaten Western Maryland 14-9 at MWC. Hallows, Huber, freshman Liza Barber and freshman Charlotte Cockrell each recorded two goals, while Huber added two assists. Hallows now leads MWC with 42 points (28 goals, 14 assists), followed by Huber with 24 points (18 goals, six assists).

### Catholic Is Too Tough

Sophomore outfielder Carin Gsellman went 11 for 15 during the four-game CAC Tournament, but it was not enough as the softball team lost to Catholic, 4-3, in the CAC championship game on April 17 in Clinton, Md.

Junior pitcher Tasha Thomas allowed just six earned runs in 20 innings (three games), despite a broken right thumb. Other top MWC performers in the tournament were sophomore shortstop Tasha Stancill (5-14, four RBI), senior catcher Amy Umberger (4-12, three RBI), senior pitcher Jackie Davis (5-11) and senior first baseman Jay Wilson (5-13, three RBI, four doubles).

Catholic also defeated the women's softball team on the last game of the regular season, winning 11-10 and 9-1 in a doubleheader on April 15.

### Tubbs Breaks Record

Senior Amy Tubbs set a new school record at the Catholic University Cardinal Classic on April 16, highlighting many impressive performances at the track and field meet.

Tubbs placed first in the high jump at the meet, skying at 5-5. The jump also qualified as a provisional mark for the NCAA Division III National Championships. Freshman Myra Simpson finished first in the 100m hurdles (16.0) Senior Ted Godfrey finished first in the high jump (6-4), as did junior Chris Richardson in the 110m hurdles (15.7) for the men.

### Upcoming Events . . .

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| April 28- | Riding at National Horse Show   |
| May 1     | Finals at CollegeStation, Tx.   |
| May 1     | Baseball at N.C. Wesleyan, 1 p.m.   |
| May 4     | Baseball vs. Ferrum at the Battleground, 1 p.m.                               |
| May 5     | Baseball vs. Methodist at the Battleground, 1 p.m.                            |
| May 6-7   | Track & Field at Mason-Dixon Championships at Newport News, Va., 10 a.m.      |
| May 13-15 | Baseball in ECAC South Region Tournament, TBA                                 |
| May 14    | Track & Field at UNC Invitational at Chapel Hill, N.C., TBA                   |
| May 15-22 | Baseball at NCAA Regional Tournament, TBA                                     |
| May 26-31 | Baseball at NCAA Division III College World Series at Batle Creek, Mich., TBA |

## Baseball Back To Winning Form

### School Records Begin To Fall

By David Carey

Bullet Staff Writer

When the Mary Washington baseball team (25-3) is at its best, they strike early and with frequency. The Eagles have scored an average of 1.93 runs per game in the first inning, and have exploded for an average of 5.5 runs for the first four innings, while holding their opponents to slightly over three runs per game.

"We try and jump on other teams early, figuring if we get ahead it will finish them off," said junior first baseman Brian Lillis.

In last Saturday's Capital Athletic Conference final against the York College Spartans, the Eagles displayed their early inning dominance by scoring three first inning runs on way to a 13-4 win. The win gave the Eagles a third straight CAC title and a three-game winning streak.

The CAC champions punished York starter Bob Staub, who had beaten them earlier in the season 7-5. Staub gave up eight runs on seven hits over four innings. Four Eagles had multiple hit games, with sophomore Dan McCann, and juniors Steve Blankenship and Lillis having three three hits apiece.

Freshman catcher Nathan Payne (342) had a huge day for the Eagles going 2-4 with four runs batted in and a solo homerun. Payne's blast to left in the fifth inning was the first homerun for the Eagles.

"Nathan being able to help us takes a lot of pressure off of Brian [Abel] having to catch everyday," said senior third baseman Jeff Tidwell, of the addition of Payne to the lineup. "Having two catchers we can count on really helps."

On the mound for the Eagles was winning pitcher Kevin Cooke (6-0), who now possesses a school record six-game winning streak. Cooke went five innings allowing three earned runs, while walking just one. Senior Mark Matthews (7-1) shut the Spartans down in relief of Cooke, scattering four hits in four innings of scoreless relief, on way to his second save.

The Eagles advanced to the finals against York by beating St. Mary's College (Md.) in the semi-finals 8-0, held earlier in the day on Saturday. The Eagles had burst out to a 6-0 lead by the end of the third inning.

St. Mary's starting pitcher David Mummert failed to retire a batter in the third before being chased from the game, but not before he had given up six runs and eight hits.

"St. Mary's talks a lot of trash and that gets us fired up," said Tidwell. "Hitting is contagious and once we got started it was hard for them to stop us."

MWC leading hitter Brian Abel (462) pushed his team leading RBI total to 30, as part of a 2-3 day that included a triple. Abel was given help from Blankenship (413), Lillis (338), and Tidwell (341) who each had two hits.

Lillis, who struggled early with shoulder problems, has come on strong for the Eagles,

going eight for his last 16 during their four-game win streak. Lillis was an All-CAC player last season and his resurgence has provided the Eagles with a deadly heart of the lineup.

"It's nice having Brian back, he's another guy who is going to drive in runs for us," said Tidwell. "We have so many guys who drive in runs that every time I get on I expect to score."

Besides their success at the plate, MWC has destroyed opposing pitchers concentration by constantly posing as a threat to stop at any time. The Eagles have stolen 87 bases this season, compared to 21 by their opponents. Blankenship leads the Eagles with 22 thefts.

"We have a lot of team speed, and we use it. We put a lot of extra pressure on other teams," said Tidwell. "Opposing pitchers are always worrying that we're going to run and it takes them out of their game, making

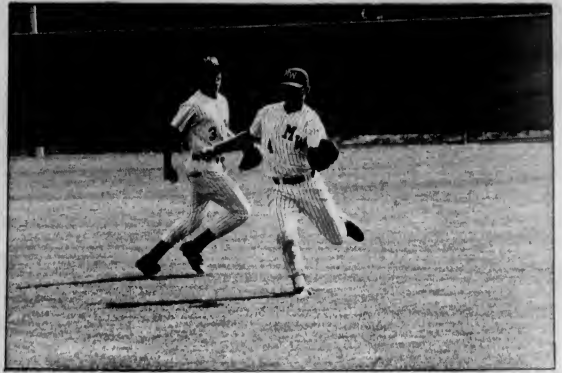
it even harder to get our hitters out."

All season the Eagles have known that if they did get stopped for an inning they had nothing to worry about because they possess the conference's best pitching staff. Currently the team earned run average stands at 2.41, which would smash a school record 3.29 ERA set back in 1992.

"We don't feel pressure to bang out 15 runs all the time, because we know that if we score a few runs, the pitching staff will help us out," said Lillis.

Matthews, who with Tuesday's win over Bridgewater College (20-4), now has seven victories. If McRoberts (6-2, 1.52 ERA) keeps his present earned run average, he would break Matthews' school record of 1.36 ERA, set last season.

Overall, the Eagles have all cylinders running as they make one final push for the NCAA tournament, which begins May 19.



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### The baseball team snags its third straight CAC Championship crown.

## Tennis Teams Dominate CAC Tourney

By Eric Gaffen

Bullet Staff Writer

This past weekend, the Mary Washington men's and women's tennis teams both captured Capital Athletic Conference Championships at their respective tournaments for the fourth straight year.

Themen took five individual titles (four singles and one doubles) en route to a 39-29 victory over the closest competitor, Salisbury State. The women were equally dominant, claiming four titles (three singles and one doubles) while picking up 38.5 points, 6.5 ahead of second place Catholic.

The men's tournament was held at the Battleground, and the home-court advantage was apparent. The Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 singles all won their respective flights in dominating fashion, while showing the talent-laden depth of the Eagles.

No. 3 Garrett Moyer dropped his first set in the championship, but rebounded to win 4-6, 7-6, 7-5, in three intense sets.

"The team really came together towards the end of the year. It's always nice to peak at tournament time and that's what our team did," said Chris Wallace, the No. 1 seed for MWC.

No. 4 Eric Geshekre defeated his opponent easily in straight sets 6-1, 6-4, claiming MWC's second individual title. No. 5 John Neal and No. 6 Steve Dykes both struggled in their second sets of their championship matches, but held on to claim victory, not losing a single set throughout the entire tournament.

In the No. 1 doubles championship, the team of Wallace and Geshekre were stretched to three sets, but won 6-4, 6-7, 6-2. Wallace, the No. 1 singles player for MWC, had been upset in the opening round of his singles match, losing to eventual champion Juna Barraza of Catholic.

The No. 2 singles player for MWC, Steve Paskiewicz, lost in the championship of his flight 1-6, 2-6, and then reached the finals of the No. 2 doubles with Pat Catullo before losing 4-6, 2-6. Every single MWC player in the tournament scored points for the team.

The Women's CAC Tournament was held at Goucher College over the same weekend and the top five singles for MWC at least reached the final. In the top three singles players, Leslie Roland (No. 1), Beth Todd (No. 2) and Kate South (No. 3) all ripped through their flights, never losing more than three games in a set. Roland won her flight, 6-2, 6-3; Todd won 6-2, 6-0, and South was victorious at 6-0, 6-

1. All three demolished the competition, over-powering their opponents at times, and using pinpoint shots at their times.

The No. 4 singles player for MWC, Jen Cogar, reached the finals before losing 4-6, 2-6. Jaime Evans, the No. 5 singles player, lost in the finals after winning the first set, 6-3, 0-6, 1-6.

In the No. 1 doubles match, Roland and Todd combined forces to claim their second individual title, defeating the same two players from Catholic that they had beaten in singles 6-1, 6-1. The team of Roland/Todd will continue playing at the National Tournament, as they are ranked No. 1 in the region. In singles, CAC Co-Player of the Year Roland is ranked fourth and Todd sixth, and chances are very good that they will compete in the National Singles Tournament.

"All of the ladies played very well. In terms of nationals, both Beth and Leslie have qualified in one way or another, and we are just crossing our fingers, hoping for an at-large bid," said Ed Hegmann, coach of the women's tennis team.

"Usually we battle the University of Virginia, but this year our chief competition was Maryland," said Lynch.

During the events, the host school provides horses which are picked out of random lot. Class levels range from walk-trot for freshmen to open division for the most experienced riders. Each region is represented by a high point college in the battle for the Miller's Cup.

Junior Lynn Cromer said, "I think we have one of the most competitive regions in the country. It is not like one team dominates over the rest."

In the regional final, held April 10 at Hazelwild Farm in Spotsylvania County, Sydnor again led the Eagles. The freshman won the open flat championship and was named high-point rider. Junior Becky Anders grabbed first in intermediate flats, and Cromer and sophomore Tad Czerwinski and Cheryl Christman also placed in their respective events.



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### Senior Garrett Moyer blasts back from losing first set to help win CAC title for men.

By Rob Moore

Bullet Staff Writer

With just over a week to go before the upcoming National Horse Show Finals at Texas A & M, the Mary Washington College riding team finished second to Hollins College in the Southern Virginia College for Women zone finals held April 17 in Buena Vista, Va.

Freshmen led the way for MWC as Faith Ann Love captured first in the intermediate flat division and Jennifer Sydnor took second in open flat and fourth in the Cachione Cup Invitational.

"As a team we've done really well in our area," said Love. "And since Coach [Carol] Hawley uses zone events to gauge how we'll do, we seem to have a pretty strong team."

Despite losing their home event, MWC placed six riders in the Nationals. Love and Sydnor lead a contingent that will include juniors Maya Haller, Courtney Jones, and Diane Welty, with senior Maureen Lynch rounding out the group. Junior Tim Moran and freshman Robin Brinbaum will appear as alternates.

Lynch said, "We have a much stronger team and a better opportunity to improve on our performances from last year."

Sydnor, Lynch, and Moran are also going to the National Intercollegiate Riding Championships in Baltimore, Md., this weekend.

"We have not gone to this event late because of the economics," said Lynch. "It costs \$400 per person, but Coach and [Athletic Director Ed] Hegmann put up funds for food and hotel expenses."

MWC could have placed another rider in finals competition but lost sophomore Kim Langstroth to a compressed vertebrae suffered during spring break. She was not able to return for the finals.

The Eagles usually compete in eight shows per year, in addition to regional, zone, and national competitions. However, the harsh winter claimed two of their meets, including the home event, the Mary Washington College Show on Feb. 13.



Jennifer Sydnor

# ENTERTAINMENT



## "Sirens" Displays Erotica

By Matt Withers  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Let me start by answering the two questions I have heard most in regards to the movie "Sirens".

No. 1: Yes, Elle Macpherson runs around naked a lot.

No. 2: Yes, this is a very strong, enjoyable movie that does not rely on Elle Macpherson running around naked a lot.

"Sirens" is a rare movie that blends its storyline with eroticism in such a way that the audience is absorbed, excited and fulfilled. "Sirens" is a visually stimulating movie that takes care to cater to male and female fantasies. No doubt some people will be turned off by the common occurrence of male full-frontal nudity in the movie, but it's nice to see a movie that tries to balance sexuality. As a matter of fact, the most explicit scene in the movie is a male calmly stroking his penis.

Sensuality is certainly a central aspect of "Sirens," but it is simply part of a well-developed whole. The plot centers around an artist named Norman Lindsey (Sam Neill). His works are generally of an erotic tone, but one painting he has done, *The Crucified Venus*, is seen by the Anglican Church as blasphemous. Anthony Campion (Hugh Grant), a young clergyman, is sent to try and convince Lindsey to replace the painting with a less controversial choice in an upcoming exhibition. Coming with Campion is his prim and proper wife Estella, brilliantly played by Tara Fitzgerald. While Anthony and Norman argue about sex, politics, and morality, Estella is drawn into, and deeply affected by, the open sexuality present in Lindsey's estate. The changes she goes through are excitingly subtle and enticingly slow. Some of Estella's experiences are the most sensual scenes I have ever watched.

Meanwhile, Lindsey refuses to replace his painting, and every argument Anthony can muster is frustrated by Lindsey's steadfast insistence that there is nothing harmful about his paintings. Lindsey also firmly believes it is up to the public to

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## J. Brian's Taps Into The Local Bar Market

New Watering Hole Aims At Twenty To Thirty Somethings

By Eden Lavender  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Are you tired of venturing to a bar in downtown Fredericksburg only to shell out five dollars for a drink? Do you want to be able to relax with friends and enjoy a cold one, perhaps a little light fare as well? Well, wait no longer because J. Brian's Tap Room is about to arrive.

Located at 200 Hanover St., formerly the Windsor Tea Room, local restaurant and bar managers and owners have decided to extend their domain in downtown Fredericksburg. Brian Hyland, general manager of the Irish Brigade, and Brian Kiernan, restaurant manager of the same locale, said that there is an unanswered market growing in the area and they decided it was time to fill the void. Following a lot of research on the twentysomething to thirtysomething set and what these people wanted in a local bar and restaurant, Hyland and Kiernan have answered the call with what they believe to be an urgently needed retreat.

"There are young professionals in their 20s and 30s that I believe have been ignored in this town," Kiernan stated. The Irish Brigade has been a popular bar in Fredericksburg, featuring a variety of good food, live music and sports entertainment for about six years. Yet Hyland and Kiernan both feel that a lot of the bar and restaurant regulars are not always in the mood for the Irish Brigade atmosphere and do not have any decent alternatives.

"This will be a natural extension of The Brigade, but where The Brigade is like undergrad, J. Brian's will be the graduate school," Hyland said with a wry smile.

J. Brian's Tap Room is named for the sole investor, J. Brian Hyland, Sr., and they are not kidding around about the taps. There will be a total of twelve different beer taps offered in the New York-styled establishment, along with a fully stocked liquor bar. Although they will not be serving any bottled beer, J. Brian's will feature a variety of stouts, ales and lagers from import to domestic. Guinness, Watney's Cream Stout, Yuengling Black & Tan and Wicked Ale are just a few of the permanent draughts, and Hyland and Kiernan plan on rotating about two taps to offer different domestic microbrewery beers.

Kiernan, formally kitchen manager for three years and general manager for one year at Sammy T's, has created a light fare

menu in the joining dining room to appeal to practically everyone. Some items featured on the menu are vegetarian, Mexican and Italian specialties, including Stout Pizza. Sound interesting? Kiernan, who says he loves a good stout, stated, "Even though you don't notice a strong stout taste, in your heart you know it's there." Although there is no food theme, Kiernan emphasized that everything made in their kitchen will be from fresh ingredients. Daily specials will also be available in the dining room, which will be a non-smoking room.

Besides being the only bar in Fredericksburg to offer so many draught beers, J. Brian's will be the only restaurant downtown to have dining on the front porch. Alcoholic beverages will be served outside until 10 p.m., and according to Kiernan, "You can sit back, enjoy the sun, and sip on mint juleps and watch the people go by."

All authentic rock-n-roll memorabilia will adorn the walls of the bar and a Wurlitzer jukebox will feature music from the '40s to the '70s, from Frank Sinatra to Bruce Springsteen, and of course, Hyland's favorite, Jimmy Buffet. J. Brian's will decorate the dining room exclusively with local artists' works. According to both Hyland and Kiernan, they feel it is important to support the local artists of the area. "Not only are we going to have all the artists display their work, but all the woodwork here, from booths to cabinets, is custom made by local guys, Dave Breeden, Larry Hinkle and Michael Littlefield. Everything in this place is going to be quality."

Hyland, Sr. had wanted to invest in another bar for some time and gave his son and Kiernan the responsibility of finding the site. Once that was accomplished, the two managers had to talk Hyland, Sr. out of making it "another civil war" restaurant, like the Irish Brigade.

"He wanted to name the place 'Stonewall's,' but when we suggested his name be on the door, he was all for it," Hyland stated. Hyland and Kiernan, both New York natives, knew exactly what kind of bar and restaurant they wanted to create. Hyland, Sr. gave them control of designing the establishment.

J. Brian's Tap Room will be open for business on May 1st of this year. Hyland believes the bar set-up will remind customers of the "old town atmosphere of Alexandria or Georgetown" which should encourage business. Hyland and Kiernan are looking forward to downtown Fredericksburg customers providing a bit of the bar's energy and atmosphere.



Brian Kiernan and Brian Hyland sit on the steps of J. Brian's.   
Brendan Kelly/Bullet

## Hoffers Instruct Students

By Eden Lavender  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Last Thursday, senior Shelby Driskill welcomed a small yet eager audience to another night of the Poetry/Fiction Reader series in room 200 of Combs Hall. Speaking that night were Bill and Marilyn Hoffer, accomplished non-fiction authors. The husband and wife writing team have published a number of successful novels including "Freefall," "Not Without My Daughter" and "Midnight Express," the latter two having been made into major motion pictures. The couple were invited by Associate Professor of English Carol Manning, also director of the writing intensive program, to offer insights and advice on how to break into the craft of non-fiction writing.

Bill Hoffer, animated and well-spoken, started the lecture by emphasizing that he and his wife were not only telling entertaining stories that happened to be true, but they were creating "picture books." He flipped through a copy of "Freefall" and passing briefly on several pages he pointed to the prose and dry stated, "This is a picture, and this is a picture, and, oh, here's one too." Bill Hoffer went on to explain that he and his wife create a "partnership with the reader for not only seeing what's going on, but to hear, feel and sometimes even smell it."

To offer an idea of how the couple appeal to the readers' senses, Bill Hoffer read a passage from "Freefall," a New York Times best-seller, detailing the story of an Air Canada Boeing 767 crash landing in mid-flight. As he recreated the event, he entranced the audience with his words.

The aircraft had been installed with a computer system that was merely weeks old. The newly assembled crew had not yet had time to get used to the all-metric system by which the computer operated. A mistake in converting the data to the operating systems caused the fuel gauge to read "full," but in reality the flight carried only one half the necessary fuel. The audience held their breath as Mr. Hoffer spun through the passage, halting just when the aircraft lost its right rear landing wheels and the pilot looked up to see a young boy on a bicycle on the landing strip ahead, right in line with the careening jet plane. The ending to this drama was not revealed to the listeners, but when her husband finished reading, Marilyn Hoffer added, "Wow,

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April 22: Concert, MWC Choral, "Lighter Side," Dodd Auditorium 8 p.m., free.

April 24: Block Party, Celebration of James Monroe's Birthday, James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library, donations requested, 908 Charles St., 1-3 p.m., adults \$1, children \$.50, for more information call 899-4559.

April 24-April 1995: Exhibitions, "The Life and Times of James Monroe," and "The Monroes at Oak Hill," James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library, 908 Charles St., daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m., admission fee.

## Live Music In The Underground



Stick is the headline band in The Underground this Thursday. Also appearing is Dismemberment Plan, International Slam, Trusty and Suspects. Entrance fee is one canned good. For more information see story on page 12.

Courtesy Photo



# The Year in Review

It started with Really Hot Guys sitting in the fountain and 24/7 being ruled "Not in line with the College Mission." It ended with "Jimenez Wins Racial Discrimination Suit," a break in the Custis Hall robbery case and another naked man wandering around the women's locker room of Goolrick Gym. A lot has happened in between.

The Dance Major got the boot, and Bill Anderson, as president, just turned 10. Wilder wanted to take our money away, and Allen gave it back.

Telecommunications promises to take us out of the stone ages, and leaves Hamlet house on the chopping block.

Field Hockey came one goal short of a national title. In swimming, Women took the CAC, and the men fell short to Catholic. Women's tennis won the CAC title for the fourth straight year.

Faculty didn't like their salaries, and tuition will go up...again. SA and finance split. MWC decided to Lead or Leave.

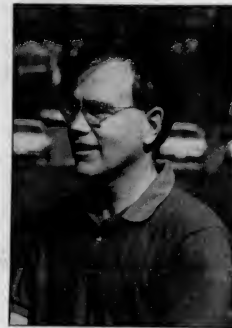
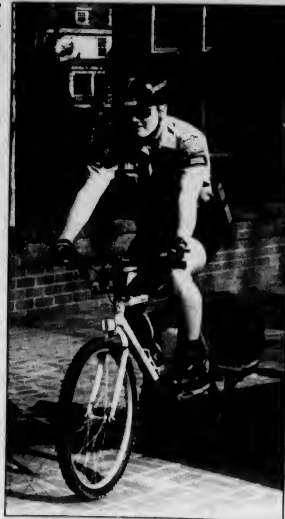
The silence issues: is the mental health policy legal, and should victims of sexual assault speak up?

A week's worth of frolicking in the ice and snow resulted in many injuries and unwanted Sunday classes.

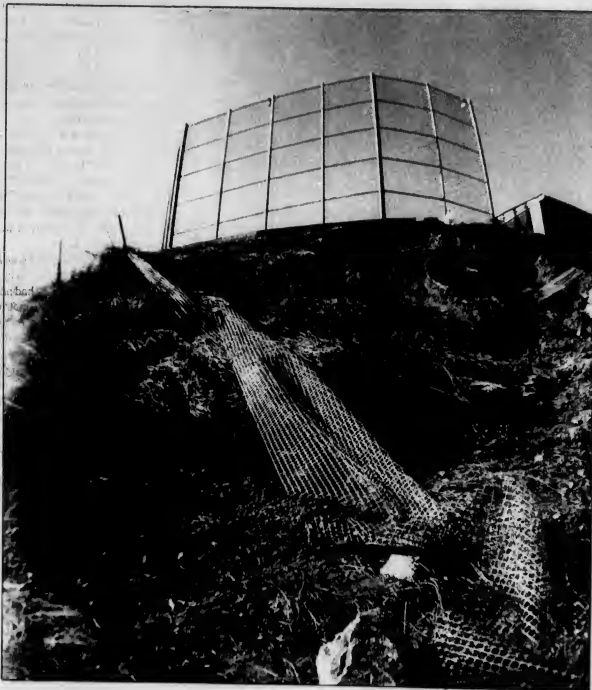
Incense.

What the college mission has to do with sleeping still isn't clear, and this week the fountain was empty.

The Bulletin doesn't make the news, we just write it down.



## the Bulletin



Clockwise from top right: (1) Heather Mullins was elected as Student Association President in February, defeating J. Travis Walker in a 868 - 301 victory. (2) Former Student Association Vice President Rob Abrams, who was suspended after a college judiciary committee found him guilty of sexual assault, filed a million dollar lawsuit against the college, claiming numerous procedural violations. The date of the court case has not been set. (3) Piles of snow and ice cancelled classes for a week in January. (4) A case of mistaken identity: art students drew pieces of an eight-foot photo of who they suspected was the Skipper. (5) "There are



certain things students know are non-negotiable when you are living in the residence hall," said Dean of Students Joanne Beck, when she kicked two students out of the residence for burning incense. She later rejected a senate proposal to allow incense burning in the dorms. (6) The softball team was left without a home field when the field began to slide under strain and was in danger of being swallowed by a ditch. (7) Three students filed sexual harassment charges against Professor of Dramatic Arts Michael Joyce, who was found guilty and sanctioned by the college. Many in the college community criticized the Bulletin and some of the complainants, saying they violated the college's policy of confidentiality in harassment cases. (8) A mountain bike patrol was the newest addition to the MWC Police Department. The police officer rides an unclaimed bicycle from the lost and found.



## Conference Provides Worldly Opportunities

By Bridget Malone  
Bulletin Staff Writer

While the rest of the world slept, 11 groggy MWC students and one professor piled into two vans under the dawn sky of an early Thursday morning, poised to embark on a trip that would take them to a place where not only would they hear the powerful words of a famous author, but would also actively participate in a scholarly analysis of that author.

Taddesse Adera, assistant professor of English, took his entire Ngugi Seminar class to an international conference held in the confines of Penn State Berks campus in Reading, Pennsylvania. From April 7-9, 11 MWC students read their own seminar papers to kindred souls united by their interest in the Kenyan author, Ngugi Wa Thiong'o.

Junior English major Amy Drewer raved about Ngugi, who attended the conference himself. "He's probably one of the most prominent African writers and he is very politically active...he's been in exile over here and so he deals with really provocative issues," she said. "He's made such an impact on so many people."

Todd Christian, a senior majoring in English and philosophy, said that Ngugi touches upon poignant issues. Christian said that he enjoyed hearing the viewpoints of other people from around the world. "[I] enjoyed seeing how people from all over the world comment and are interested in revolutions and how they express their resistance to their particular political systems or regimes," Christian said.

Senior Jennifer Jenkins said, "It's something different from all the British Lit and Victorian Lit...It's a learning process with Ngugi. I'm learning all about Africa and Kenya."

Junior English major Shannon Kroeger said when Adera first announced the conference, he was not sure if the class could go. Adera said, "This group of students were very lucky that it was taking place not very far from us and that we were able to get [financial] help from different

committees."

This was the first time in many years since teaching the seminar class that he has been able to bring all of his students to a conference near Virginia and to have the conference centered on the very same author that the class has been studying.

"The way it tributed to me is that it was almost a tribute to [Ngugi] because it was all his works and all the speakers addressed him directly," Drewer said.

Kroeger said the students attended panels, view movies and listen to speakers.

Jenkins said, "You can choose which topic you want to go to," she said. "In that session, there were about four or five papers read and then after the reading, people ask questions and debate upon the topic."

The 11 MWC students presented papers that they had specifically written for this occasion. They wrote about a broad scope of topics ranging from the comparison of his several works to the importance of human struggle in his essays.

Adera said, "Different people were approaching [Ngugi's] ideology, his spirituality, his art from different angles."

When asked why they were drawn to the works of this particular author, students cited different qualities that they admired about Ngugi or his works.

Christian said he liked "the diversity of the people and the things we talked about. For instance, they had poetry readings by Amiri Baraka which was pretty much the highlight for me. And Ngugi Wa Thiong'o himself read from his works."

Kroeger said, "I've never before been able to hear one of my favorite authors reading from his material."

Likewise Jenkins commented that she "was impressed when he gave his speech and when he read his works. It was wonderful," she said.

"He definitely had an aura about him," said Christian. "He has a very strong presence, very soft-spoken and you can tell almost, intimidated by the popularity."

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According to Walker, the cycle begins with a tension building phase, is proceeded by an acute battering stage and then followed by a kindness and contrite loving stage.

Diane Veach, an MWC psychologist and former director of a battered women's shelter, concurs with Walker's cycle of violence.

The first phase is characterized by verbal, psychological attacks and said that it is phase that the man becomes critical, blaming, threatening and unpredictable.

These actions performed by the abuser are demeaning and emotionally destructive. According to Veach, in this phase a woman might deny what is happening, try to do what she think might de-escalate the problem, become submissive and passive and try to do what she think might please him. However, Veach said that the problem lies within the man.

As the cycle continues, so does the escalation of abuse. The following acute battering stage can last from two to 24 hours. The time frame depends on the stamina of the batterer.

This phase is characterized by a lack of control and an outpouring of anger and tension. The woman is subjected to intense physical violence. It is often during this time when the police are called.

After the violence, the abuser often feels remorse for what he has done. Abusive partners are not violent all the time. At times in the relationship, yesterday's batterer can be today's caring and loving husband or boyfriend. This kindness is typical of the contrite-loving phase, also referred to as the honeymoon stage.

It is this phase with which the

battered woman bonds. "They hold on to this good point because it usually occurs after some abuse and they're most needy, in pain, frightened and most dependent," she said.

This traumatic bonding often detracts women from pressing charges.

However, laws regarding domestic abuse cases have been changed to accommodate for this psychological factor. The Fredericksburg police department has maintained a strict pro-arrest policy regarding domestic abuse for the past three and a half years.

"Anytime we have a domestic violence call and our officer responds and there is physical evidence that one person has been struck or injured by the other, they have no choice to make an arrest," said Jim Shelhorse, spokesman for the Fredericksburg police department. Thus, if the woman declines to press charges, the officer by law is required to do so.

However, Shelhorse shook his head and laughed at the irony of most domestic abuse situations. "You can walk in and she'll be bleeding and the first thing out of her mouth is, 'don't hurt him,'" he said. "I think the frustrating thing police see is that a woman won't carry through as far as she needs to, to end it, to get away from it, to get it to stop," he said.

Often, a woman must seek shelter from the abuse. The Rappahannock

Council on Domestic Violence is an organization where many women turn for help. Nancy Fowler is the director of the Rappahannock Council of Domestic Violence. Fowler has been involved with the council since college. In addition to being a former

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- Jim Shelhorse  
spokesman, Fredericksburg  
City Police

MWC student, she is also a former victim of an abusive college relationship.

Fowler was hit and threatened by a ex-boyfriend, but did not identify it as abusive. "It wasn't something that I

would tell anybody and so I barely even acknowledged it myself," she said. Only after going through the proper training to be a volunteer did she realize that she had been in an abusive relationship.

Today, Fowler helps others become aware of domestic violence and the facilities available to its victims. She oversees programs such as The Haven, The Fresh Start, The Forgotten Victims and The Teen Dating Violence program.

The Haven is an undisclosed emergency shelter for battered women and their children. About 221 women and children temporarily reside at the Haven each year. The hidden shelter is available to women in physical and emotional danger. Secrecy is important not only to the woman hiding from her abusive partner, but to the staff of the Haven as well.

According to Fowler, around the time when a woman decides to leave her husband, the potential for violence increases drastically. This increase is substantial enough to warrant strong security measures. In addition to its undisclosed location, the Haven has a security system and the doors are locked at all times.

However, the locked doors may keep out the physical and emotional abuse, but may not stop the relentless outside pursuit of the women by their abusive partners. About a year and a half ago, three women in contact with the council died as a result of domestic abuse. These three murders had a devastating impact on the women living in the shelter. "They were just petrified," said Fowler. The women were afraid to leave their homes and afraid to leave the shelter.

According to the National Woman Abuse Prevention Project, in the United States four women a day are killed at the hands of their abusers and the Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence states that every 18 seconds a woman is beaten by an abusive partner. In addition, in this country, battery is the single major cause of injury to women exceeding automobile accidents, rapes and muggings combined.

Sadly, Fowler said that it often takes a woman seven times to finally break the chains holding her in an abusive relationship. However, women can beat the odds. Sally Alvarez did.

Alvarez is no longer a batterer reclusive, but a role model. She is an inspiration to the women in her Fresh Start counseling sessions. She often tells them, "I was there for thirteen years. If I can do it, you can do it."

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car, followed them upstairs and proceeded to chase his son again. Samantha ended up carrying her petrified son around the house for the rest of the day. Every time the boy's feet touched the floor, his father and the remote controlled car would start to chase him.

The final factor which forced Samantha to examine herself and her marriage was when she caught herself drinking her third mixed drink in a little over an hour. She realized that her abusive marriage was driving her to drink. She did not want to give her husband the satisfaction of turning

her into an alcoholic.

These incidents forced Samantha to start packing. Samantha said that her fondest memory of the marriage is hearing the words "You're divorced" from the divorce lawyer. These words freed her from four years of emotional and physical abuse. "I could actually

feel an uplifting, a raising of the weight," she said.

Today, Samantha embodies success. Her son, now 15 has gotten over his fears of remote controlled cars and Samantha has taken control of her life.

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RM-  
Keep that leath nice and tight.

RA, BH, HK-  
I won. HAI HAI!

AQS-  
Keep on fishin'.

Heather,  
Thanks for a wonderful evening at the dance.

Luv-Joe

JA-  
Your mother is...

ARB-  
Where have you gone?

Yeah She-  
My "model student" roommate, congrats! Love-Sun

Jenny Slush and She-  
Have fun in the apt. next year-don't forget our visit.

CA-  
romie 4

Good things come in small packages.

LD-  
295...Why, God, Why?

Andy-  
Congratulations! You finally made the FA list! Joe -don't worry there is always next year!

love, the committee

PC-  
Get at least one of them back from her.

JB-  
Yanks in '94 and '95, '96...

CS-  
Boston likes the Yanks' spikes.

CC-  
Atlanta, Phoenix, Atlanta...thanks for the crack.

IO G Man,  
It's been 8 months now. Hope you're still guessing 8 months from now...I know I will be!

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## Last Blast

### Five Bands Play Underground

By Eric Edwards  
Bulletin Entertainment Editor

Are you looking for a nice quiet way to spend an evening? Have you considered a punk rock show?

In the hopes of leaving this semester with a bang, The Student Association Outreach and Resources (COAR) are sponsoring a five-band show in the Underground Thursday, April 21, the final Thursday before exams. The show is featuring the national act Stick and regional acts, Disembemberment Plan, Trusty, Suspects, and International Slam.

The Suspects and Trusty represent the core of punk at the show. The Suspects display a more East Coast punk style and Trusty embody a more West Coast punk sound. Phil Stoneman SAE co-chair described the difference between the two branches of punk sound.

"The East Coast punk style has historically been very intense music, but at the same time lyrical based. They also tend to be societally conscious. Some examples might be the Ramones, Fugazi, or Henry Rollins. The West Coast punk style has tended to focus more on harmonics than vocals, and has some roots in surf punk music. Some examples would be Green Day and Bad

Religion," Stoneman said.

Disembemberment Plan has evaded such stereotypes through their constantly shifting sound, but there is almost a guarantee that one of the band members will end up writhing on the stage floor with the amplifiers. There is also the promise of more hair than most barber shops see in a year.

International Slam, a local Fredericksburg band, plays what Stoneman describes heavy groove music.

"International Slam and Stick play similar music to each other," he said.

Stick, a Midwestern band is described by Arista record company as "an in-your-face lock tight push and shove alternative fireball," whatever that means.

One of the goals of the show is to raise canned food for a food bank. Stoneman has been pleased with the turnout at past shows which asked patrons to bring canned goods.

"We have had a really good turnout at benefit shows this semester. We have collected a good deal of food for the food bank, and this is a good way to end the semester especially since we are not looking to make money. Shows like this help to raise the social conscience because punk bands usually play music that tries to do just that," Stoneman said.

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decide the worth of his paintings, not the church. Campion argues that what people see affects their thinking and actions. In his view, once the public sees the painting to judge it, the damage has already been done. His arguments fall on deaf ears, though, and he becomes even more frustrated as he sees his wife slowly succumb to the influence of the Bohemian lifestyle surrounding them. The audience almost has to wonder how she could not, though. As Lindsey exclaims at a dinner argument, "If God didn't want us to play with those parts, then why did he make them so bloody fun?"

There is an undertone of humor running throughout "Sirens" that adds to the movie's effectiveness. When you laugh with, or at, the characters, they become more human. The whole situation seems more believable because it is not completely gauzy and detached like many "sensual" films. Overall, though, it is the acting, not the plot that makes "Sirens" work. Everyone in the movie is perfectly

natural in their role, and Tara Fitzgerald is mesmerizing as Estella. Watching Estella begin to explore her desires creates a wave of feelings that sweeps the audience along as well. I found it impossible not to feel personally close to her character by the end of the movie, when, freed from her previous sexual stiffness, she strokes her husband's penis with her foot on a crowded train. His look of shock and her look of absolute confidence alone make "Sirens" worth seeing.

If you go to see "Sirens," don't get caught up in the symbolism. There is lots of it in the movie, probably more than is necessary. The most effective instance is a seemingly ever-present snake that gives an Edenic feel to the story. But even if you don't understand any of the symbolism, the movie is still rich and enjoyable. So wait until you're going to your car to ponder the possible deeper meanings. They aren't that important to the story, and you might keep yourself from simply enjoying a wonderful movie.

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we're good!" and laughter from the audience followed.

Interestingly enough, neither Mr. nor Mrs. Hoffer had any formal writing training in college. When asked how they work together so successfully, Marilyn Hoffer replied, "Truth is our business...we cover each other's shortcomings in the research and the writing. Bill is better in the mechanics and I'm more into the description, the feelings."

The Hoffers moved to the area about seven years ago and have their home and office in Bowling Green, Va. Their daughter, Caroline Frye, is a senior English major at MWC. According to Manning, when she first had the idea of contacting the Hoffers last semester, she had not realized that the Hoffer's daughter

was a member of the student body. Yet once she contacted Frye, getting in touch with the Hoffers was not a problem, Manning said. Although the English department offers courses such as "The Writing Process" and "Magazine Writing," none are a specific focus on the aspects of writing professionally, according to Manning. Even though Manning was disappointed with the small turnout, she explained there were many writing events occurring that week and guessed that the students were burnt out on hearing all the speakers. Manning also suggested a reason for the small audience was due to the fact most of her students are seniors and, unfortunately, Senior Toast overlapped the scheduling of the lecture.

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